

Hunger on the rise

SE service groups struggle to meet rising food needs

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

As the weather gets colder and the COVID-19 pandemic not only lingers, but is seeing a surge in new infections and illness, people across our country, state and city are struggling to keep a roof over their heads and food on their tables.

According to the Greater Boston Food bank, Suffolk County has the highest rate of projected food insecurity in Eastern Massachusetts



Courtesy photo Greater Boston Food Bank

with 16.7%, or one out of six people, expected to struggle with hunger in 2020.

South End organizations that offer food and shelter to the poor and

homeless are also struggling to meet the increasing need as the holidays

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WBUR's "A Christmas Carol" Returns

To Support Rosie's Place

SUBMITTED BY ROSIE'S PLACE

WBUR CitySpace will present its 18th annual reading of the Charles Dickens' classic, A Christmas Carol, on Friday, December 18th, 2020 from 7-9pm.

While we are not able to

gather in person this year, the tradition will continue with a virtual performance by WBUR hosts and reporters Meghna Chakrabarti, Tiziana Dearing, Jack Lepiarz, Bob

Oakes and Robin Young, along with a musical performance by Amory Siverston and Mike Moschetto.

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South End Holiday Stroll 2020

SUBMITTED BY SEBA

South End Business Alliance (SEBA) announced its event the South End Holiday Stroll in support of community businesses within the four walls of Boston's South End. On December 3, 4 and 5 more than 90 businesses registered to participate and offer holiday specials. Walk the art galleries and boutiques in SOWA,

to restaurants and shops on Tremont and Washington Street down to Harrison Avenue, gift, jewelry and clothing stores, hair salons, fitness and wellness experiences, barber-shops, pet care and wine stores. AC Hotel is offering a \$99 room rate for those that want to stay the night and the new Smith building has offered

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Local news for and about Boston's best neighborhood

Thanksgiving at Pine Street



City Councilor Ed Flynn and Representative Aaron Michlewitz listen while Pine Street Inn President & Executive Director Lyndia Downie makes remarks as Mayor Walsh looks on.

SUBMITTED BY PINE STREET INN

Pine Street Inn Facebook post: This year, Thanksgiving looked and felt very different. "We've got to protect as many people as we can," Pine Street Inn's president and executive director, Lyndia Downie, said.

Although we did not have our many volunteers with us, nor our

community table with guests seated together, we continued the traditions of Mayor Walsh stopping by to help carve some turkeys outside, and having a traditional feast on the menu! Thank you to all who have helped, from a distance, to help keep our vulnerable guests and tenants safe and healthy.

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ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

We rescued a three-year-old boxer mix from South Carolina. He had a 15-hour road trip crated in an

animal transport with 40 other dogs to get to Massachusetts. This trip may have contributed to the crate training problem we are having. We are trying to crate train him so we can put him inside when we go out. He is very comfortable spending time in his crate and coming and going on his own. We can even close the door for a while if he is inside without any reaction. The problem is we can't lure him inside when we want him to go in. He loves treats but they don't get him inside. A few minutes after we stop trying, he may go in on his own. How do we train him to go in the crate when we want him to?

—Michael

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New State-Wide COVID19 Restrictions Effective Now

Masks: Effective now, everyone over 5 years old is required to wear a mask in public regardless of their distance from others. **Businesses:** Restaurants will have to stop serving diners by 9:30 pm, although they can keep offering take-out past 9:30. Gyms, theaters, and casinos also close at 9:30 pm.

Indoor Gatherings: Private indoor gatherings restricted to 10 people.

Stay At Home: The Department of Public Health is urging people to be at home between 10 pm and 5 am. Necessary or essential activities—work, school, grocery store, etc.—are allowed.



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Hunger

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approach. The South End News reached out to Rosie's Place, the Pine Street Inn, and the Salvation Army to find out what they are doing to combat hunger in our backyard.

According to Michele Chausse, a spokesperson for Rosie's Place which offers food-pantry items to take away, on-site meals and snacks, and shelter to poor and homeless women, food need has surged as the pandemic drags on. Currently, the pantry at Rosie's Place distributes bags of groceries Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM-2:30 PM, and guests can receive two bags of groceries, or about a week's worth of food: a bag of perishables and a bag of non-perishables, once a week.

Chausse reports, "We are seeing twice the number of women [at our food-pantry program] since before COVID. We were seeing 100-120 per day. When our food pantry was outdoors in the parking lot, we were seeing 220-250 per day. Now we are seeing 250 women per day."

As the chilly weather set in, the food-pantry distribution program moved from Rosie's Place's parking lot to the Education Center at 887 Harrison Avenue. Rosie's Place also serves food in its dining room, offering meals, snacks and a warm place for homeless women to relax during the day. "The meal services we've been providing since the beginning of the coronavirus are still in place. We serve meals inside the dining room, lunch and a hot dinner for homeless women. Some take it to go."

Chausse said Rosie's had "a nice Thanksgiving dinner" for its homeless guests as well. Chausse said that Rosie's has been providing 200 meals per day, and added, "We anticipate seeing more homeless women per day as the winter months set in because so many women have lost jobs."

That children are not in school where they have access to free lunches also poses a hardship for Rosie's guests. "Women are faced with choices like am I buying groceries or paying for heat?" As it has since 1974, Rosie's Place continues to support women in their struggle out of homelessness and poverty despite the added challenges of the pandemic. "We're still providing a warm place, community, and food all day long."

The Salvation Army post at 1500 Washington Street operates a first-come, first-served outdoor food pantry on Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 10:00 AM and on Friday beginning at 2:30 PM until supplies are exhausted. Recipients line up at markers on the sidewalk to receive boxes of food, eggs or milk and a bag of frozen meat.

According to Major Kimberly Smith, between 100 and 250 are served per day. In accordance with COVID-19 restrictions, "We practice appropriate social distancing and masks wearing. We mark the sidewalk with chalk to remind clients and also have a plastic portable shield to protect volunteers. We move

the line quickly and do our best to get people on their way quickly and safely. We do a small number of deliveries for homebound seniors as well," Smith explained.

Like Rosie's Place, the Salvation Army has seen demand for food support soar. The demand has increased greatly and has been increasing. Responding by email, Major Smith wrote, "We are serving a normal month's worth of food in one distribution. We have even been asked by local postal carriers and UPS/ FEDEX drivers to save a bag for them since they are struggling as well. So many who have never needed to make use of our services are finding themselves needing a little help. With parents staying home to support children doing online school work many families can no longer afford food and basic needs. We are meeting new families every day."

Smith said that many families come both for take-out prepared food, which is given out Monday-Friday, and for the Tuesday/ Thursday/Friday pantry-item distribution. Smith observed that while more people have been showing up for food as the weather gets colder, she has seen people in shared hardship help each other. "We worry about our seniors waiting in cold weather for food. We don't like to have the lines in the cold, but we are also seeing this community come together. One day I was blessed to witness one client sharing a coat with someone she had met on line previously. We are continuing to help with coats and do our best to supply for clients' needs in any way we can. On several occasions we provided health care kits and one time, scarves, from a private donor."

The Salvation Army also provided a Turkey Day treat for its guests, giving out 600 Thanksgiving baskets on Saturday, November 21 and another 300 baskets and turkeys up until Wednesday, November 25, Thanksgiving Eve.

A challenge posed by the pandemic for both Rosie's Place and the Salvation Army is meeting so much more need without their normal corps of volunteers. According to its website, Rosie's Place has paused its volunteer program during the pandemic, and Smith reports that the Salvation Army is running its food programs with 2-3 regular volunteers aiding its small staff.

"We are committed to this community and our staff is mission minded. They live here and often come to work and bring to our attention a neighbor who needs help. It is harder to secure volunteers, but we are also very careful who we are allowing to assist at this time. We must protect our staff and the few volunteers we do have. Truthfully, we are blessed to see more volunteers than we can receive at this time. It tells you a lot about the heart of Bostonians!"

Neighbors who would like to give to these organizations may visit their web sites for details. See http://www.rosiesplace.org/news_and_events/newsroom/support, <https://give.salvationarmy.org/give/173568/#!/donation/checkout>, and <https://www.pinestreetinn.org/get-involved/donate-items>.

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Dog Lady

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Dear Michael,

Dog Lady thinks there may be some relevance to the phrase "a watched pot never boils." Your smart boxer picks up your insistent vibe—"Get in the darn crate so we can leave you." He decides to take his time.

You should really do some training when you've got the time. You need a high-test treat like chicken. Boil a chicken breast and throw a few meat chunks into the crate. Make sure your boxer gets a hearty whiff. If he's a food-motivated dog, he will go in there. Without a word, close the door and leave the room. Return in 15 minutes and do it all over again. Do it every day.

Obviously, your dog is not afraid of the crate. And he knows you want to get him inside. You just have to make it delicious for him. And you must repeat and repeat and repeat and repeat. . . the exercise.

Dear Dog Lady,

I grew up with dogs being my best friends. I pity the people who do not know, and do not understand the love that dogs can bring into our lives. My wife is one of those people I pity. She can see a sleeping puppy and want to leave the room. In her defense, she witnessed a severe dog attack when she was a child and never recovered.

For almost six years I have told her that

I will have a dog when our living situation permits. That time has finally arrived. I have been researching loads on the Internet on how to help make this a comfortable transition for all of us, but I feel some guidance from Dog Lady might point me in the right direction. So far I have not convinced my wife to go to counseling with me, and I figure I cannot help her alone with such a traumatic experience. How often have you heard success stories of people in our situation? Am I being selfish? —Damian

Dear Damian,

You and your wife must communicate openly and compromise. You're married. In that spark, there should always be hope.

Find the park or field in your neighborhood where the dog people hang out in the mornings. Arise early and bring your wife to see the animals at play. Stand on the sidelines and watch how the owners and their pets relate to each other as well as to other dogs and people. Assure your wife you will leave if she feels uncomfortable. She has legitimate worries.

You should also both should visit a veterinarian or animal behaviorist to talk about fears. If your wife better understands the reasons why aggressive dogs attack, she will have a sense of how she can train and control a pet in your household.

Write: askdoglady@gmail.com

Holiday Stroll

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"pop up" space to a business in need.

Visit sebastoston.com to see the list of participants; if you are unable to "mask up and stroll", we encourage online shopping. Cou-Cou a children's clothing store on Union Park Street shared "we need a widespread campaign to remind people of the importance to keep

our small businesses and restaurants open."

Elizabeth Beutel, President of the South End Business Alliance says, "This is the first of many initiatives planned to help community businesses generate revenue." As we head into the winter, SEBA is launching an online webcast to feature shops, give them an opportunity to sell products and place a face to small business.

Rosie's Place

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This year will include 2 ticket options:

\$25 general admission ticket, or

\$75 VIP ticket which includes a copy of

A Christmas Carol signed by WBUR readers, cookies and hot cocoa from Dancing Deer, and a coupon for Hood Eggnog.

All proceeds benefit Rosie's Place's vital work with poor and homeless women in Boston.

We hope that you will join us and our friends at WBUR CitySpace for this very special event.

Visit for tickets, and more information <http://www.rosiesplace.org/>



Virtual Public Meeting

BU Medical Campus Institutional Master Plan

Thursday, December 3
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/2IEeOnR
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 301 2349

Project Proponent:
Boston University

Project Description:

BU Medical Campus is proposing a new, ten-year Institutional Master Plan for their campus in the South End. We will discuss the plan at this meeting with the Community Task Force.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate.

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Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, December 7
6:00 PM - 7:45PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3jZ22xs
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 689 4331

Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. The committee meets monthly to discuss development and planning in Nubian Square. All meetings are held on zoom and open to the public. For more information, on how to Join, Engage, and Take Action, please visit the website.

Upcoming meetings/Próximas reuniones/ Dat pwochen rankont yo se:

December/ Diciembre/ Desanm 7
January/ Enero/ Janvye 4
February/ Febrero/ Fevriye 1

For interpretation services, contact the planner listed below one week before each meeting.

Para los servicios de interpretación, comuníquese con el planificador que se indica a continuación una semana antes de cada reunión.

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Show goes on, virtually

A Very Herrera Holiday and Showstopper Virtual Play Series, part of the first installment, presented by New Repertory Theatre, online through December 13. Show partners: Letters Against Isolation & The Spark. Tickets: \$20. www.newrep.org/productions/showstopper-virtual-plays.

BY JULES BECKER

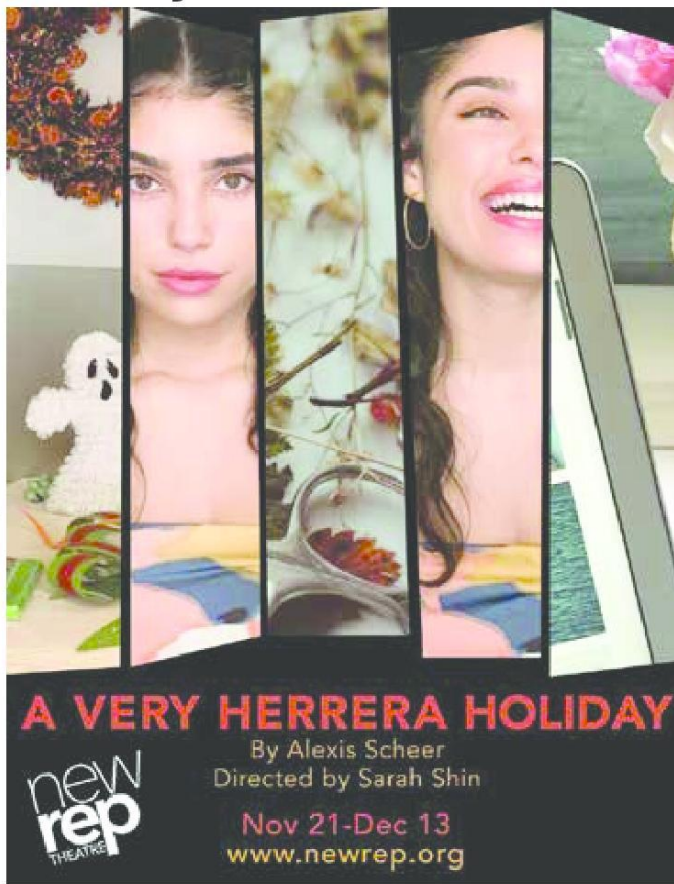
The maxim "Necessity is the mother of invention" is taking on fresh new meaning for Hub area theater without audiences. New Repertory Theatre has commissioned two virtual new plays to begin its Showstopper Virtual Play Series. Presented through December 13, the one act premieres (75 minutes total with a brief intermission between them)—written and directed by female BIPOC playwrights and directors—share a creative approach to internet realms in dealing with very different concerns.

The opening "A Very Herrera Holiday"—smartly written by Colombian-American actress-writer Alexis Scheer and sharply directed by Sarah Shin—takes the form of an online how-to show with the kind of advice about making crafts and mixing drinks familiar to Martha Stewart fans. Boston-based hostess Emma Herrera—played with high energy and comic skill by Amanda Figueroa—details a recipe for coquito, a tequila-based drink. While sitting on a kitchen stool, she also provides a "super unique take on gift wrapping" and advice on making eco-friendly holiday cards with pens and markers. Her instructions include such basic materials as butcher paper, yarn and twine.

If she seems very cheery despite COVID-19, that ostensible nonchalance gradually recedes as she speaks of her husband Kevin. Has he driven to his New Haven office on business? Could he be cheating with Lauren, the mother of Emma's goddaughter—whom she is gifting mittens? Is his unseen duffel bag a matter of alarm?

Playwright Scheer cleverly peppers Emma's disarming banter with revealing clues. Call "A Very Herrera Holiday" a rich mix of flavorful guidance and edgy marital insight.

Where the concerns of "A Very Herrera Holiday" are personal, the disturbing areas of the following play "[key-ping]" (blindly



defending someone no matter how wrong they are) are strongly racial. Playwright Miranda ADEkoje has intriguingly turned this intense drama into an Instagram live posting during which African-American freelance commercial producer Monica Jenae powerfully denounces white supremacy. As Jenae (wearing a Harriet Tubman T-shirt) awaits the arrival of her director husband and three fellow film crew members—all of whom are testing for COVID-19 in "nearly 98 per cent white Norwell, she bewails the apathy of Americans with white privilege and racial inequities. At the same time, she hopes that her baby will remain asleep as her angst and anger increase. Jasmine M. Rush, under Dawn M.

Simmons' driving direction, commandingly captures Monica's emotional conflict as she vents about the unfairness of the commercial's contract in the age of COVID-19. She also displays sharp timing battling Instagram postings that challenge her claims about racism and white privilege. Playwright ADEkoje has her unrelenting play ask audience members "What do you think happens at the end?"

"[key-ping]" provides no easy answers. After all, racism continues to prove as widespread and lethal in its own way as COVID-19. Still, ADEkoje's timely drama should provoke Zoom viewers to brutally honest discussion and real action.

Food Pantries

Information from the City of Boston

Haley House Food Pantry, 23 Dartmouth Street, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 617-236-8132

Rosie's Place/Pantry, 889 Harrison Ave., Mondays: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Fridays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., 617-442-9322

Salvation Army/South End Food Pantry, 1500 Washington Street, Mondays,

Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 617-536-5260.

Catholic Charities/El Centro del Cardena, Monsignor Reynolds Way, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 617-522-4040

Boston Medical Center Food Pantry, 1 Boston Medical Center Yawkey B, Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 617-414-3834

Grant A.M.E./Self-Help, 1906 Washington St., First and third Thursday of the month: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 617-427-0670

American Red Cross/Mobile Market, 1033 Massachusetts Ave., Times vary, call

ahead: 617-375-0735.

Islamic Multi Service Organization, 722 Shawmut Avenue, Second Sunday of the month: 1:30 - 4 p.m., 617-442-2805

Union United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 485 Columbus Ave., Second Tuesday of the month: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., 617-287-1020

Locations and times are subject to change. Please check back to confirm information before you head to a meal pickup site or food pantry.

Visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/food-access/map-covid19-food-resources> for a full list of pantries.

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COVID-19 RESOURCES

Greater Boston Basic Needs Supports

Catholic Charities Greater Boston Basic Needs Department

Serving Suffolk and Middlesex County. Services include: food pantry assistance (Dorchester, South End, Somerville); emergency financial assistance; emergency essential assistance; SNAP outreach; HIV support services; resource & referral assistance

More Info: Please call (617) 506-6628 or email Basic_Needs@ccb.org

Resources for Immigrant Communities: What's available?

Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign (NILC & CLASP)

The PIF Campaign has developed a quick reference guide on immigrant eligibility that provides a general overview of some of the federal public programs available to support individuals and families during the COVID-19 crisis. In light of implementation of public charge regulations, we have also included clarification about whether certain public programs are taken into account for public charge purposes. The guide includes links to deeper dive resources on eligibility from our partners. <https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/>

Suffolk County Resource Guide

Suffolk County District Attorney, Rachel Rollins

This is a collection of resources currently available in Suffolk County, Ma, compiled by the staff of the Juvenile Alternative Resolution Program of the Juvenile Unit at the Office of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins. It is not a complete list, and you should continue to consult relevant experts and your care providers when appropriate. This guide is intended to be a starting point for residents and service providers for finding resources to assist during the COVID-19 National Emergency. Our current circumstances are fluid and evolving; information, services, and recommendations may change over time. We advise you to contact any of the included services outlined here ahead of time to ensure up-to-date accuracy. <https://www.suffolkdistrictattorney.com/>

Pine Street

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How to donate:

Each morning at 5:00 a.m., Pine Street's kitchen staff, food services trainees and volunteers begin the process of preparing more than 1,000 meals for our shelter guests. Pine Street relies on food donations to help ensure guests receive well-balanced and nutritious meals each day, 365 days a year.

At Pine Street, the health and wellbeing of our guests is a priority. Many are dealing with a variety of health issues including diabetes, heart disease and hypertension, among others. To ensure a healthy diet for our guests, we work closely with a nutritionist and have implemented dietary guidelines that include low sugar and salt, high protein and whole grains.

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DTA SNAP and Cash Benefits During COVID-19

Massachusetts Legal Services

To view a general overview of DTA policies and how to ensure folks can access benefits, please visit MLRI's COVID-19 page: <https://www.masslegalservices.org/DTA-COVID-19>

Hunger and Food Resources for Households

Project Bread's Hunger and Food Resources page offers information for families and households on school meal sites and locations; the Food Resource Hotline (to get connected to food, and for SNAP application assistance); and policy updates (state and federal level). <http://www.projectbread.org/>

Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB)

GBFB partners with 500+ hunger-relief agencies, including food pantries, community meal programs and other food assistance providers throughout the nine counties and 190 towns and cities across Eastern Massachusetts. These efforts have doubled in the wake of COVID and increased food needs. This page offers information on food pantries across the state, as well as additional resources for food assistance, including school meal sites. <https://www.gbfb.org/>

Massachusetts State Updates & Resources

State of Massachusetts (Governor's Office) and MADPH is working closely with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide updated information about the novel coronavirus outbreak. <https://www.mass.gov/offers>:

- Prevention and treatment
- Cases, quarantine and monitoring
- State of emergency
- Printable fact sheets and FAQ
- Emotional health and well-being resources
- Press release
- MA 2-1-1

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- Hydrocortisone
- Hair clips/elastics
- Unscented lotions and soaps
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- T passes
- Cleaning supplies
- Nail Clippers
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- Nutri-Grain Bars
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SIREN COVID-19 Resource Page

- Social Interventions Research & Evaluation Network (SIREN) sirennetwork.ucsf.edu/covid-19-resources includes resources on a national level such as: Social needs surveillance
- Recent news articles about COVID and health equity
- Resources for clinicians and patients
- Insurance coverage and codes for COVID-related healthcare services
- Pharmacy delivery services
- Vaccination scams/exploitation
- Housing
- Employment/income concerns
- Utility concerns
- Social isolation
- Advocacy opportunities

The City of Boston

The City of Boston has a free texting service to provide daily updates and information about the coronavirus. Text BOSCOVID to 99411 to opt-in for English. Language and communications access remains a priority for Mayor Walsh, so this text service is also available in Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Cabo Verdean Creole, and Portuguese.

- Text BOSEspanol for Spanish
- Text BOSKreyol for Haitian Kreyol
- Text BOSFrancais for French
- Text BOSKriolou for Cabo Verdean Creole
- Text BOSPortugues for Portuguese

Updates in 10 total languages can additionally be accessed through boston.gov/coronavirus#multilingual-help. Each language has its own page and hosts multilingual print materials distributed citywide.

HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOS-

PITAL CAPACITY

On April 2nd, Mayor Walsh announced that construction begins at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center to add 500 beds for treating homeless adults who have tested positive for COVID-19 and need care, but do not require full hospitalization.

The City has released a Request for Proposals to secure a partner organization to operate the facility. If necessary, the Convention Center beds will be opened up for hospitals to use for sub-acute COVID patients in the general population.

These 500 beds will bring Boston's total number of new beds for homeless individuals to over 1,000. This includes Boston Medical Center's Newton Pavilion facility, which the City and State are working to re-purpose as a medical facility for homeless residents affected by the coronavirus.

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

On April 2nd, Mayor Walsh announced two new resources that will help small businesses during the public health crisis.

The City of Boston has created a Small Business Relief Fund. Drawing on a combination of City, federal, and private industry contributions, it establishes \$2 million in grant funding—capable of providing a lifeline to hundreds of local businesses at risk of shutting down permanently due to the crisis. It will be administered as a streamlined version of the City's Small Business Financing program. Small businesses can begin applying on Monday, April 6.

The City of Boston has also created a Financial Relief Handbook and FAQ document for small businesses. It's a resource for navigating

27 Income-Restricted Rental Units

# of Units	# of Bedrooms	Rent	Maximum Income Limit (By AMI)
10	Studio	\$1,125	70%
13	1-Bedroom*	\$1,218	70%
4	2-Bedroom**	\$1,452	70%

*Includes 1 unit built out for persons with mobility impairments
** Includes 1 unit built out for persons with deaf/hearing

Minimum Income Limits (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + AMI)
Maximum Income Limits (set by the EPDA + based on household size + AMI)

# of Bedrooms	Minimum Yearly Income***	# of People in Household	Maximum Limit (70% AMI)
Studio	\$33,750	1	\$20,150
1-Bedroom	\$38,540	2	\$26,650
2-Bedroom	\$44,760	3	\$33,300
3-Bedroom	\$54,760	4	\$39,000
4-Bedroom	\$64,760	5	\$46,650

*** Minimum incomes do not apply to households receiving housing assistance such as Section 8, VASH, or MHCF.

Maximum Asset Limits (70% AMI)
\$75,000

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82 Income-Restricted Rental Units

# of Units	# of Bedrooms	Rent	Maximum Income Limit (By AMI)
5	Studio*	\$1,143	70%
10	1-Bedroom**	\$1,318	70%
6	2-Bedroom**	\$1,493	70%
3	3-Bedroom**	\$1,673	70%
8	1-Bedroom***	\$1,318	70%

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*** These units are restricted to City of Boston or BPOA Certified Artists.

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# of Bedrooms	Minimum Yearly Income***	# of People in Household	Maximum Income Limit (70% AMI)
Studio	\$30,340	1	\$18,250
1-Bedroom	\$33,350	2	\$26,650
2-Bedroom	\$39,540	3	\$33,300
3-Bedroom	\$46,760	4	\$41,300
4-Bedroom	\$54,760	5	\$49,000
5-Bedroom	\$64,760	6	\$56,650

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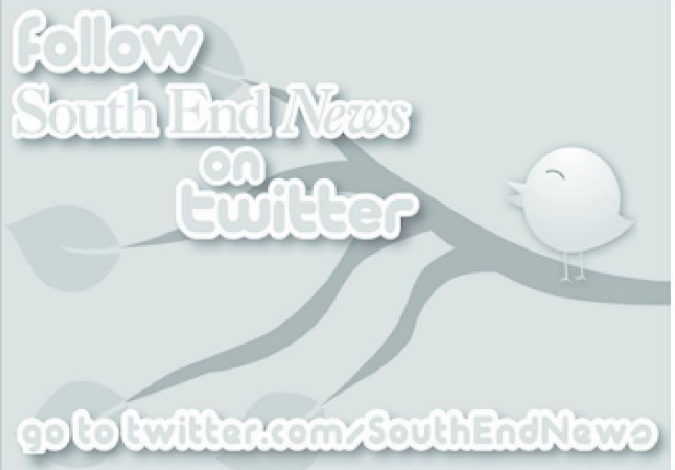
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