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City of Brockton Returns to Massachusetts Reopening Plan Phase Two, Step Two, Effective December 16, 2020

BROCKTON, MA - Out of an abundance of caution, Mayor Robert F. Sullivan has issued an Executive Order dated December 14, 2020 that will return the City of Brockton to Phase Two, Step Two guidance on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 for at least a three week period. This change in reopening guidance will necessitate the closure of indoor gyms, museums, event spaces, theaters, arcades, and recreational facilities. It will additionally prohibit bar seating at restaurants. The decision to step back to Phase 2.2 was made in accordance with numerous conversations with fellow Mayors throughout the Commonwealth and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Several other cities in Massachusetts are rolling back to Phase 2.2 in light of the surge in COVID-19 cases across the Commonwealth.

“COVID-19 case counts in Brockton have risen dramatically over the past several weeks along with patient capacity at our local hospitals. In order to keep our citizens safe, we need to limit spread in high-contact areas. Returning to Phase 2.2 will close high-contact locations like gyms, museums, indoor event spaces, and theaters of all kinds” said Brockton Mayor Robert F. Sullivan. “In addition to these restrictions, I am pleading with our federal and state elected officials to move swiftly to deliver aid to our restaurants, gyms, small businesses and others impacted by these new restrictions. In the meantime, Brockton residents need to follow all guidelines set forth by the City and the Commonwealth. Avoid indoor social gatherings, wear your mask, and stay home if you have been exposed, even if you don’t feel sick. We need to work together to protect each other.”

This Executive Order will remain in effect for at least three weeks. City guidance will be reevaluated at the end of the three week period. All restrictions from the Executive Order dated December 3rd remain in effect.

The full Executive Order can be found at:

<https://brockton.ma.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Executive-Order-December-14-2020.pdf>

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