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## **RAVE ALERT: Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken Shares Step 2 of Phase 2 Reopening Plans & Community Updates**

Hi, this is Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken sharing news about step 2 of phase 2 reopening plans.

Key public health data has been closely monitored. There has been a significant decline in metrics, including confirmed cases and hospitalizations, allowing for step 2 of phase 2 to begin.

As of today, Monday, June 22 the following are able to reopen:

- Indoor table service at restaurants;
- Close contact personal services, with restrictions (including hair removal services, message & body treatments, skin care services, nail care services, personal trainers, tanning salons, and tattoo, piercing & body art services)
- Retail dressing rooms, by appointment only; and
- Offices, at 50 percent capacity

For more information on reopening plans, including restrictions and mandatory safety protocols by industry, please visit [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov).

The Open Door is serving meals daily and has taken over for the school department for the summer to offer a "grab and go" bagged lunch and breakfast for ALL students who are in need of a meal. Through August 30, pick-up is available at the following locations: Riverdale Park, Willowood Gardens, Veterans' School, Beeman School, The Open Door, and Pond View Village. If you have any questions, please call 978-283-6776.

24 Gloucester restaurants have taken advantage of our expedited outdoor dining permitting, with most successfully open and a few still working out the details with the City team. Outdoor dining allows restaurants to seat more customers, even as indoor table service becomes available, while still adhering to physical distancing requirements.

Later this week, sections of the right side of Main Street from the Hancock Street area down to the west end will be cordoned off as some Main Street establishments prepare to offer al fresco

dining – which will be available by this upcoming weekend. Let's all continue to eat and shop local - by spending your dollars locally, you are helping support your neighbors and investing in our community's recovery.

Good Harbor and Wingersheek Beaches are open to residents and a limited number of non-residents, at a reduced capacity. Stage Fort Park remains open to the public. Beach visitors are required to set up at least 12 feet apart from other groups on their towels, limit groups to no more than 10 people; wear face coverings or masks when entering/exiting the beach and when unable to maintain a 6' distance from others (except when swimming), and carry in, carry out trash. Please adhere to all parking regulations and respect the rules outlined above so everyone can safely enjoy our beautiful beaches and open spaces.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation has issued a warning to the public of the presence of lion's mane jellyfish along Massachusetts' North Shore. They have been spotted in Gloucester Harbor. Please be attentive if you go to the beach. Do not touch them and if you see one alert a lifeguard as soon as possible.

With your help we continue to make great progress in reducing the transmission of this virus and getting our local economy up and running again. As of yesterday, 227 Gloucester residents had recovered from the coronavirus. This represents nearly ninety percent of the 257 confirmed Gloucester cases to date AND is a significant increase of recovered patients since my last RAVE alert.

But, we're not out of the woods yet and sadly, 24 Gloucester residents have died from this awful virus. They are constantly in my thoughts and we continue to offer our love and support to their families and loved ones.

Until a vaccine arrives, we are the vaccine. We must remain vigilant to keep each other safe and limit a second surge. Please wear a mask or face covering when out in public, maintain a safe physical distance of 6 feet from others, wash and sanitize your hands and frequently touched surfaces often, and stay home if you're are sick.

Stay safe, and be patient and kind with each other. Thank you for listening.