

# **New Bedford's Mayor Jon Mitchell tests positive for COVID-19 for the second time**

"I want to let everyone know that this weekend I tested positive for Covid-19.

My symptoms are mild, and I am receiving an anti-viral treatment. I am following current CDC protocols, which require five days of isolation from the onset of symptoms, and mask wearing for five days thereafter. My family and the mayor's office staff have all tested negative.

I do not anticipate that my isolation will disrupt municipal services or compromise my ability to lead the city. I will refrain of course from making public appearances this coming week, and my scheduled in-person meetings will become zoom meetings.

I do not know exactly how I contracted the disease. The virus is still ever-present, and even if you've had Covid before, as I have, you can still get it again. With a new strain of the Omicron variant now reported to be taking over in the United States, we need to be alert to the possibility that more booster shots and other precautions may be in order in the not-too-distant future. At a minimum, if you haven't received a booster shot yet, there's no time like the present." -Jon Mitchell.