Mayor Mitchell: New Bedford has first case of Coronavirus

From Mayor Jon Mitchell:

“New Bedford now has its first presumptive positive test for Coronavirus, and the individual is now self-quarantining and we hope for a speedy recovery. Although this was not unexpected and will be the first of more to come, it is a reminder that appropriate social distancing and personal hygiene should be strictly observed.

I also remind residents to follow guidance by the City, state, and federal governments. Avoid group gatherings, and remember that restaurants are takeout and delivery only. On Monday, March 23, personal care businesses such as hairdressers and barbers, massage services, and nail salons will also close in New Bedford, given the close person-to-person proximity in these services.

This guidance is for the health and well-being of all residents and workers in the City. I urge you to take this guidance seriously and protect your health and the health of your family, friends and neighbors. Check our COVID-19 page at www.newbedford-ma.gov for regular updates.”

Yesterday, Mitchell announced **effective Monday that personal care businesses including salons must close**.

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