Official number of New Bedford COVID-19 cases reaches 12

The New Bedford Mayor's office reported that greater New Bedford has approximately 20 cases of COVID-19 with 12 of the cases in the City of New Bedford alone. This comes within a short time frame – just three days ago we reported that the City of New Bedford had 3 official cases of the virus that has now spread worldwide.

In addition, on Friday afternoon, New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell issued a statement regarding summer residents returning to the Greater New Bedford area "…in the midst of a global public health crisis, all of us must be mindful of the risks posed by infected individuals traveling here. For those summer residents from outside of Southeastern Massachusetts, we urge you upon arrival to remain on your property for fourteen days and avail yourselves of delivery services for food and other essentials whenever possible."

As of yesterday, Massachusetts Governor Baker