

# **New Bedford suspends city-permitted events of more than 10 people through Labor Day**

Mayor Jon Mitchell has announced that events in New Bedford with more than 10 people in attendance, and which require a City permit, have been cancelled through Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2020, to protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

New Bedford's Independence Day fireworks for July 4 have also been cancelled. Festivals, parades, and other city-permitted events that draw large crowds in the city have all been suspended through September 7.

Last week, Mayor Mitchell and the Club Madeirense S.S. Sacramento announced that the City's largest summer event, the 106th Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, scheduled for July 30 through August 2, has been cancelled. The Feast draws hundreds of thousands of attendees every summer.

Mayor Mitchell declared a state of emergency in New Bedford on March 13 due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the City has acted to protect public health through social distancing, offering remote services, the protection of seniors and workers in the city, and issuing other important public health guidance. More information is available at [www.newbedford-ma.gov](http://www.newbedford-ma.gov).