

# **The Bar closed by New Bedford Health Department due to repeated COVID-19 violations**

The New Bedford Health Department has issued a cease and desist order to The Bar at 266 Dartmouth Street for its third violation of the state's regulations to protect residents from the spread of COVID-19.

The Bar has been fined \$2,900 and is ordered closed effective immediately, and may not be allowed to reopen until Phase 4. The cease and desist order was issued on Wednesday, December 2.

The Bar was previously fined \$300 on October 14 for serving alcohol without food and for failure of employees to wear a mask. On November 21, The Bar was fined \$600 for failure of employees to wear masks.

Businesses and employees are reminded to comply with mask-wearing to keep themselves and others safe. Businesses will be subject to fines for failure to comply with the City's orders, including failure to protect employees and failure to notify the Health Department of an outbreaks. The orders can be found on New Bedford's COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/health-department/coronavirus/>.