

# Three New Bedford businesses fined for violating COVID-19 orders to protect residents

The New Bedford Health Department has issued fines to three New Bedford businesses for failure to comply with the City's COVID-19 regulations and protections for residents.

El Caribe Restaurant at 884 Brock Avenue, Expo's Convenience Store at 309 Dartmouth Street, and Crown Fried Chicken at 1570 Acushnet Avenue, were each fined for their failure to comply with the regulations. Each business was cited for failure of employees to wear masks.

El Caribe: Fined \$100

Expo's: Fined \$200

Crown Fried Chicken: Fined \$200

Violation orders were issued the week of October 19 after inspections by the New Bedford Health Department. Businesses and employees are reminded to comply with mask-wearing to keep themselves and others safe.

Earlier this year, Mayor Jon Mitchell and the Board of Health announced emergency orders to keep employees safe at their place of work, and to outline reporting requirements of COVID-19 in the workplace. The orders include strong measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in workplaces.

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/>.