



Order of the Framingham Board of Health to Prohibit Certain Self-service Food Operations, Lottery Sales, and Personal Care Services

March 24, 2020

Whereas, the City of Framingham and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is being affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic;

Whereas, on March 10, 2020 Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency in Massachusetts for COVID-19;

Whereas, the Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health has declared that there is community level transmission in Middlesex County;

Whereas, on March 15, 2020 Governor Baker issued an executive order applicable on a statewide basis requiring social distancing, including restrictions on public gatherings of more than 25 people;

Whereas, on March 23, 2020 Governor Baker issued an executive order to further restrict public gatherings to 10 people or less;

Whereas, at a duly noticed and posted meeting held on March 16, 2020, and upon the recommendation of the Director of Public Health, the Framingham Board of Health recognized in its deliberations the serious public health threat presented by the COVID-19 Pandemic and voted to issue an order prohibiting all in-person public meetings of any public body in Framingham from March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020, except meetings of the Framingham City Council, the City's municipal legislative body, and to further recommend that the City Council voluntarily agree to refrain from holding in-person public meetings from March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020 and instead conduct its meetings on a fully remote basis;

Whereas, on March 22, 2020 Mayor Yvonne Spicer declared a local state of emergency in Framingham to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Framingham;

Whereas, the Mayor has been consulted with regarding the terms of this Order and concurs with it as necessary for the protection of public health during this COVID-19 Pandemic and in furtherance of the Declaration of Local State of Emergency issued on March 22, 2020;

Whereas, the practice of social distancing includes keeping a six-foot distance between each person;

Whereas, certain lottery products, such as Keno, attracts the congregations of lottery customers inside retail establishments;



Whereas, consumer self-service of exposed ready-to-eat food products, such as buffet and salad bars, creates an increased likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 virus via exposed food and shared common serving utensils;

Whereas, certain personal care services are conducted in person and are difficult to practice social distancing of keeping at least six feet between the service provider and the customer;

Now, pursuant to the authority invested in the Board of Health pursuant to G.L. c. 111 generally and G.L. c. 111 sections 6, 7 and 104 in particular, and pursuant to the authority invested in the Board of Health pursuant to 310 CMR 11.05, the Framingham Board of Health hereby issues the following further order restricting consumer self-service food operations, lottery sales, and in-person personal care services in Framingham.

Order:

1. **All consumer self-service operations in any licensed food establishment in Framingham is prohibited until further notice.**
2. **Any congregation of people inside a lottery retailer in Framingham is prohibited until further notice. This prohibition does not apply to customers that are practicing social distancing AND in the process of actively purchasing essential items such as food and personal care products. All tables and chairs for customer use shall be removed.**
3. **All in-person personal care services are prohibited in Framingham until further notice. Personal care services include the following and all similar types of operations:**
 - **Hair salons and barbershops**
 - **Beauty Parlors, including but not limited to waxing, facials, and similar services**
 - **Massage Therapy Establishments, including in-home services**
 - **Body Arts Establishments**
 - **Bodyworks Establishments**
 - **Nail Salons**
 - **Spas**
 - **Gyms and Fitness Facilities**
 - **Tanning Salons**