



# Cummins Foundation

## Cummins \$25 Million Grant Program

As a member of the selection committee, I want to express my sincere hope that you can find time to apply for a \$100,000 Cummins grant. They sent me an email that said,

We know there are organizations that have not yet applied.

We would greatly appreciate your and your board's help in spreading the word about the upcoming **\$25 Million Grant Program**.

We are accepting Letters of Inquiry through September 4, and we would love to see more requests from communities of color.

More information, as well as the link to our online portal, can be found here [on our website](#).

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## Call to Artists

### Public Art for the Roxbury Branch of the Boston Public Library

This is a Call to Artists to create a permanent artwork for the Roxbury Branch Library. The budget for this project is \$150,000 USD.

This Call opened on **Monday, August 3, 2020, at noon EDT.**

This Call closes on **Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 5:00 pm EDT.**

This Call is open to all artists, national and international, with a strong preference for artists with a connection to Roxbury.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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**UNIONCAPITAL**  
BOSTON

**September & October  
Virtual Network Nights**

Want to Host a Virtual Table Talk This Fall With UCB

# Members?

Union Capital Boston is continuing our Virtual Network Nights into the fall. Especially now, it is so important that we stay connected and share resources and support with each other.

Each Virtual Night starts with break-out room introductions at 7:00pm. We then host three 10-15 minute Table Talks, and finish with Marketplace resource exchanges. We host Nights in both English and Spanish.

During the Table Talk section we invite you to share information & resources, tips & advice, songs or poems, skill-sharing, recipes or anything else of benefit to our community! Talks are 15 minutes maximum. We recommend preparing a 10-minute topic and leave 5 minutes for questions and discussion. These are short conversations or information sharing. They don't have to lead to a new program or action but they can.

- Some topics we have shared at Virtual Nights : Managing the stress of being a parent turned teacher & different ways to learn with your child
- Financial stability tips & tricks during COVID-19 and beyond
- Exercises and healthy food preparation to do in the home
- Mental and Emotional Management
- Ways to get involved with racial equity activism and the upcoming elections

Interested in hosting a Talk? Please fill out this form:

<https://bit.ly/UCBVirtTT>

We will follow-up to confirm your reservation date and send the Zoom link. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you so much for being part of our (virtual) community!

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## WHERE ARE ALL THE BLACK PEOPLE AT

We kindly ask you to sign this petition to support the mission of “WHERE ARE ALL THE BLACK PEOPLE AT”

We are a team of artists, writers, educators, and social activists.

We want to bring attention to and change art institutions all over the United States of America who have historically under-represented Black and Brown artists in their permanent collections.

Our goal for this petition is to show that this issue matters to our diverse population.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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## America is Facing a Record Shortage of Poll Workers

As Coronavirus continues to impact Americans across the country, we are also seeing a staggering decrease in poll workers – which could mean closed polling places and long delays for elections in 2020.

You can help make sure we have a safe, fair, efficient election for all voters, and potentially get paid to do it. [Click here for information.](#)

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Para los trabajadores de  
supermercados, farmacias,  
restaurantes, y negocios locales

▶ ¡APÚNTATE YA! [boston.gov/bike-share](https://boston.gov/bike-share)

## Free 90-Day Blue Bikes Passes

As the region continues to reopen, the City of Boston has a great opportunity to help many employees get to work. The Boston Transportation Department is offering [free 90-day BlueBikes passes](#) to help out some of our most important workers: those employed at grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, and local retail shops.

Anyone who works in these industries in Boston is eligible for the pass. [Click here for information](#)

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# Register

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# VOTE

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## Register to Vote!

You may submit an application to register or pre-register to vote in Massachusetts if:

- You are a citizen of the United States; and
- You are 16 years old; and
- You are not currently incarcerated by reason of a felony conviction.

If you meet the above requirements, you may apply online, by mail, or in-person.

The deadline to register to vote in any election or regular town meeting is twenty (20) days prior to the date of the election or meeting. The deadline to register to vote in a special town meeting is ten (10) days prior to the special town meeting.

**NOTE:** For all 2020 elections, the deadline to register to vote will be 10 days before the date of the election.

For complete information on how to register, [click here](#)

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## Boston City Singers Auditions

We are hearing auditions for Boston City Singers' 2020-2021 season and would love to extend an invitation to the Grove Hall Community.

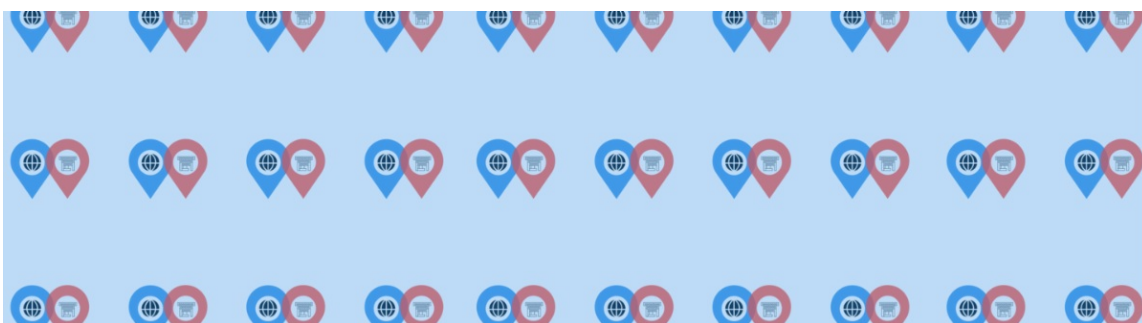
Our programs are designed for youth from 4-18 years old and our mission is to provide the highest level of musical training and wide ranging performance opportunities to young people, inspire personal development, celebrate diversity and foster good will.

We believe that our programs would be incredibly beneficial to the growth of the students in your community.

*Katie Thompson*  
*Opportunities Director*  
*Assistant Director of Vocalise*  
*Boston City Singers*  
*205-913-4126*

<http://bostoncitysingers.org/>  
*Facebook: [BostCitySingers](#)*  
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**Immigrants Lead Boston**

The Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) is starting a new program for Boston immigrants who wish to take more civic ownership and become leaders in the community. The program, **Immigrants Lead Boston**, is a 12-week course for a cohort of 15-18 participants who will meet key City of Boston officials and learn how to effectively navigate local government.

The goal is for these participants to become leaders in their communities, sharing what they learned with others and becoming civically active on issues that matter to them. Ideal candidates are emerging leaders committed to advocating for their immigrant community within the local City of Boston government. Chosen candidates will receive a stipend scholarship for their participation in the program. Learn more at our website: [boston.gov/immigrants-lead](https://boston.gov/immigrants-lead).

**Applications are due by September 18.**

People can apply here: <https://forms.gle/yEiAsTp1ZeYPFvdQA>. Applicants must be all of the following:

- City of Boston residents
- 18 years or older
- immigrants / refugees, or children of immigrants / refugees to the United States.

Lastly, your perspectives are invaluable to us. If you have any **candidate recommendations** for Immigrants Lead Boston, please fill out the following form: <https://forms.gle/JNtixtdvUHkhBfEK7>, or email Carol León, at [carol.leon@boston.gov](mailto:carol.leon@boston.gov).

Thank you again for letting us share with you our presentation on Immigrants Lead Boston last week. We greatly appreciate your feedback, and we look forward to collaborating with you to make this program a success!

Please feel free to contact Carol at [carol.leon@boston.gov](mailto:carol.leon@boston.gov) with any questions or thoughts you may have.

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## Columbia Road Updates

Livable Streets has consolidated feedback from many conversations in the winter and drafted a letter to the Mayor and Chief of Streets. [Here is a link to that document](#). The next step is to get your input on any additional improvements that are needed since our last meeting. [A list of those projects can be found here](#). We are aiming to get this out by the end of August, so it would be wonderful to have any feedback from you before then. Please comment on the list, email me, or call me to add additional projects.

Additionally, LivableStreets is kicking off a [project](#) which aims to elevate the transportation experiences of women and non-binary people in the corridor and to co-design a tactical intervention to improve their daily mobility. Columbia Rd is one of the areas we will be



exploring through this project in partnership with Dorchester Bay EDC. Our goal is to leverage this project to keep the momentum up, build on the short term improvements you've already identified, and ultimately apply more pressure to the City to get this work done.

**Our fellow, Maria De La Luz Lobos Martinez (cc'ed here), will be leading this project. Key elements of the project will include:**

- We will collect and co-create a set of guidelines to ask the city a minimum of conditions in their intervention of the corridor.
- By June 2021, we should have a small corridor improvement project ready to apply for tactical public realm [funding](#).
- We will provide training to some folks to advocate in their neighborhood redevelopment process.
- We will share resources and strategies to have a safer/more comfortable experience, regardless of your gender, while traversing the city.

Maria will be reaching out soon to learn more about you, your organizations, and share more about the project.

While the city has made some progress, they have largely focused on streets downtown and have ignored corridors that have long-awaited improvements like Columbia Rd, American Legion Hwy, and Warren Street, among others. This is a great opportunity to elevate your concerns directly to the council and BTB. You can find more details about the hearing [here](#). Please email [juan.lopez@boston.gov](mailto:juan.lopez@boston.gov) for the Zoom link. A comprehensive list of ways to view and participate in this hearing will be posted online prior to the start of the hearing at [boston.gov/city-council-tv](http://boston.gov/city-council-tv).

**We recommend using the above letter, to make comments regarding Columbia Road.**

## COVID-19 Resources



**Covid Testing is Available in the Community at Prince Hall on Mondays and Thursdays and at Other Locations.**

Call Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center for an apt to get tested. Also, see the schedule(s) below for other locations and times for COVID testing.



**Whittier Street Health Center Mobile Testing Van is**

**Here!**

**Free Covid-19 Testing Every Monday Until the End of 2020!**

**Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
24 Washington Street  
Dorchester, Ma 02121  
Every Monday!  
10:00am – 4:00pm**

**Questions: Call: 617-602-7833**

Testing at No Cost to You!

For Other Mobile Testing Sites, Please Visit: [www.wshc.org](http://www.wshc.org)

*Everyone must wear a mask and social distancing guidance will be provided*

Whittier Street Health Center is working in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Health and Human Services and Prince Hall Grand Lodge on the citywide effort to increase testing and contact tracing that will contain the virus.

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Harvard Street  
Neighborhood  
Health Center INC.

# COVID-19 **FREE** Mobile Testing

\*Tuesday, August 25, 2020 1PM - 5PM Children's Services of Roxbury,  
504 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

\*Thursday, August 27, 2020 10AM - 3PM Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
24 Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02121

Saturday, August 29, 2020 10AM - 3PM Morning Star & CSR  
1257 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, MA 02126

Monday, August 31, 2020 10AM - 3PM Franklin Park  
1 Franklin Park Road, Dorchester, MA 02121

\*Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1PM - 5PM Children's Services of Roxbury  
502 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

\*Thursday, September 10, 2020 10AM - 3PM Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
24 Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02121

Saturday, September 12, 2020 10AM - 2PM Church of God, Valley of Blessings  
1000 Blue Hill Ave (parking lot), Mattapan, MA 02126

\*Thursday, September 17, 2020 10AM-3PM Prince Hall Grant Lodge  
24 Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02121

Thursday, September 24, 2020 10AM - 3PM Charles Street AME  
551 Warren Street, Dorchester, MA 02121

Saturday, September 26, 2020 10AM-2PM Greater Love Tabernacle Church  
101 Nightingale St, Dorchester Center, MA 02124

Saturday, October 17, 2020 10AM - 3PM Bethel AME  
84 Wachusett Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130



\*Please pre-register for COVID-19 testing at: [617-245-8206](tel:617-245-8206)

HSNHC is proud to partner with Children's Services of Roxbury and the  
Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center - Initiative to Eliminate Cancer Disparities



## Food for The Soul

A Grove Hall business partnered with Violence Boston, to prepare and deliver 80,000 meals to Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park in 15 weeks to support people during the Pandemic.

Congrats to them!



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## Community Updates from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services

### *Update #40*

COVID-19 CASES

BOSTON RESILIENCY FUND UPDATE

NEXT LOCATION FOR MOBILE TESTING

BOSTON EMPLOYER FORUM SERIES

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## COVID-19 CASES

The City of Boston has **14,138** positive cases of coronavirus. So far, **10,259** of these **14,138** residents have fully recovered. Unfortunately, there have been **730** COVID-19 related deaths in Boston.

The City posts race and ethnicity data for deaths, as well as for confirmed cases [here](#).

The Boston Public Health Commission will be providing the updated total of cases in Boston residents as it is received from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Information can be found at [boston.gov/coronavirus](https://boston.gov/coronavirus) or [bphc.org](https://bphc.org).

Massachusetts has 118,458 [positive cases of coronavirus](#) and 8,638 deaths reported at this time. Massachusetts has also tested 1,214,540 individuals to date.

The City of Boston has two dashboards to provide statistics on COVID19 cases in Boston and throughout Massachusetts. [View them here](#).

The City of Boston has a free texting service to provide daily updates and information about the coronavirus. Text BOSCOVID to 888-777 to opt-in for English. Language and communications access remains a priority for Mayor Walsh, so this text service which was available in Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Cabo Verdean Creole, and Portuguese, now includes Somali, Chinese, Arabic, Vietnamese and Russian.

Text BOSEspanol to 888-777 for Spanish

Text BOSKreyol to 888-777 for Haitian Kreyol

Text BOSFrancais to 888-777 for French

Text BOSKriolu to 888-777 for Cabo Verdean Creole

Text BOSPortugues to 888-777 for Portuguese

Text BOSSoomali to 888-777 for Somali

Text BOSChi to 888-777 for Simplified Chinese

Text BOSbilAraby to 888-777 for Arabic

Text BOSViet to 888-777 for Vietnamese

Text BOSRus to 888-777 for Russian

Updates in 10 total languages can additionally be accessed through [boston.gov/coronavirus#multilingual-help](https://boston.gov/coronavirus#multilingual-help). Each language has its own page and hosts multilingual print materials distributed citywide.

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## Boston Resiliency Fund Update

The Boston Resiliency Fund has raised **\$33 million** and distributed more than **\$24 million** so far. This week and last week, two more rounds of funding were released, totaling a three-quarters of a million dollars.

The money is going to 21 local nonprofits that serve youth, families, and seniors. So far, **328** organizations have received grants. It will support their work around remote learning, food access, healthcare for the homeless, and more. The majority of these orgs are led by people of color, and the majority are led by women. They are trusted in the community and we're proud to support them when they need it most.

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## Next Location for Mobile Testing

The Mayor reminded everyone that the City launched a new mobile testing team that will be traveling to a different neighborhood every two weeks. The City is watching the data and bringing this resource where it's needed most.

It's been in Allston for the last two weeks, and more than 2,500 people have been tested there so far.

**On Sunday, August 2, it moved to Moakley Park in South Boston for 2 weeks.** More information can be found on the City's [COVID-19 testing page](#).

The City has funded testing by using \$1.7 million from the Boston Resiliency Fund and additional money from the CARES Act. These sources have allowed the city to expand testing to 20 sites across Boston's neighborhoods.

If you think you might be sick, or have been in a group without social distancing or masks, get tested. Testing is quick and available at no cost for individuals. Testing is one of the best tools to stop the spread and reopen safely, and the City is going to keep making sure it's widely available in Boston.

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## Boston Employer Forum Series

- To better help colleges and job training programs prepare their participants for the COVID-era workforce, the [Mayor's Office of Workforce Development](#) is launching a series of virtual panels to disseminate the latest research on labor market trends in Boston's major industry sectors.
- These panels, called the [Boston Employer Forum Series](#), will also feature insights from hiring directors in these industries.
- The Boston Employer Forum Series, which is free and open to the public, will cover the following industries: Healthcare, Hospitality, Construction, Retail and IT/Tech.
- Each of these panels will feature the latest sector-specific labor market data presented by **Dr. Alicia Sasser Modestino**, an Economist and Associate Professor at Northeastern University. Hiring managers from within that sector will also offer their perspectives on how colleges and job training organizations can tailor their programs to help Boston residents position themselves for these employment opportunities.

### Boston Employer Forum Series: Construction

Tuesday, September 1

10-11:30 a.m.

[Register here](#)

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## Update on BPS Reopening

Right now, the City is focused on **all remote learning, and a hybrid model for the start of the year**. When kids walk through the doors of Boston's school buildings, it will be when the public health experts say it's safe.

- Parents can choose to keep their kids fully remote, no matter what happens. But it's important to remember: many families don't really have that choice because the parents must go to work, and someone must care for their children. For many students, the learning gap grows with every day they're away from their teachers and classrooms. Some families have the resources to make at-home learning work, and some don't.
  - **Superintendent Cassellius** gave the following updates:
    - BPS has been planning for months, gathering data through student, staff and family surveys, walking our schools, evaluating our spring remote learning. All of that input has informed the BPS draft plans.
    - They are addressing facility concerns such as bathrooms, water temperature, fixing windows, and ordering HVAC filters. They are also working on signage, and she thanked the NAACP Day of Action and Service participants who will be helping BPS prepare their buildings tomorrow.
    - BPS reopening meetings have included students, families, teachers, school leaders, Nurse Faculty Senate, teacher led focus groups, and 24 community stakeholder meetings so far.
    - BPS, including teachers and school leaders, are all hard at work on plans for the hybrid model, while also strengthening the remote learning plan. Parents will be able to choose hybrid or remote without losing their spot at their school. BPS will soon release a survey asking parents to choose so that they can better plan.
    - BPS will continue to monitor the data and science from medical and public health professionals, following CDC guidance as well as guidelines from state officials. Safety is the top priority for students, families, and all teachers and staff.
    - As BPS continues to plan and update the community, everyone can visit [bostonpublicschools.org](https://www.bostonpublicschools.org) for the most up-to-date information. There are still some virtual community meetings scheduled, and everyone is encouraged to join the discussion.
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## Update on College Reopenings

- The Mayor and his administration have been communicating with the leadership of local colleges and universities on a regular basis. They have been working closely with these institutions regarding the new COVID-19 protocols and precautions for higher ed, and to create plans if someone were to test positive in a campus community.
  - The City is also helping colleges and universities plan safe housing options for students to decrease campus density.
    - Earlier this month, the City issued guidance for permitting off-campus spaces, like hotels, for temporary student housing. The BPDA, along with Inspectional Services and Licensing, is in the process of reviewing four applications.
    - These applications are posted on the [BPDA website](#) for anyone to see, and approvals will also be posted as they are issued. Once plans are approved by the BPDA, ISD will perform inspections of these spaces to make sure they meet safety standards.
    - Each college and university submitting a plan must engage nearby residents with notification of their plans, and talk about how a neighborhood can reach out to them if issues arise.
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## Mail-in Ballots

- Registered voters in Boston should expect to get a mail-in ballot application in the mail, if they haven't received it already.
  - This year, **everyone** can vote by a mail-in ballot.
  - In the past, Massachusetts residents had to show that they had a disability, that their religion prevented them from voting in-person, or that they would be out of town on election day. This year, Massachusetts passed legislation that waives these requirements, and anyone who requests a mail-in ballot will get one. This will help make sure everyone can exercise their right to vote during COVID-19.
  - Voters can choose which election they'd like a ballot for — the Primary Election on September 1; the General Election on November 7; or both.
  - Independent voters who want to vote in the primary must check a party box.
  - They should then sign the form, and drop it in the mail. No postage is needed.
  - Applications to request a mail-in ballot must be received by Wednesday, August 26 for the State Primaries, and October 28 for the General Election.
  - Voters who would rather go to their polling place **in-person** can still do so. The City of Boston Elections Department is adding COVID-19 protocols on social distancing, sanitizing procedures, and the proper use of PPE in their training for poll workers.
  - In addition, the City of Boston will hold **Early Voting** again this year. Early voting for the Primaries will happen August 22 through August 28; and for the General Election, it will run October 17 through October 30.
  - To learn more about mail-in ballots and the upcoming elections, visit [Boston.gov/elections](https://www.boston.gov/elections).
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## Travel Restrictions for Entering Massachusetts

- All individuals entering Massachusetts after 12:01 a.m. on August 1, 2020 who are over the age of 18 or an unaccompanied minor must complete and submit the on-line [Massachusetts Travel Form](#), unless the individual meets an exception:
    - **Lower-risk State:** This includes individuals coming from a COVID-19 lower-risk state within the United States. Travelers from COVID-19 lower-risk States **are not** required to fill out the Massachusetts Traveler Form and **do not** need to quarantine. Currently, those include **CT, HI, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, and VT**.
    - **72-hour Testing Rule:** The individual can produce, upon request, proof of a negative test result for COVID-19 from a test administered on a sample taken no longer than 72 hours before your arrival in Massachusetts.
    - **NOTE: There are more exceptions — [see website for full list](#).**
  - Failure to submit a completed Massachusetts Travel Form, when required, or failure to comply with the quarantine requirement, if applicable, **may result in a \$500 fine per day**. This is largely an honor system.
  - Prior to travel, people should visit [www.mass.gov/MATraveler](https://www.mass.gov/MATraveler) to fill out the "Massachusetts Travel Form" or text "MATraveler" to 888-777.
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## General Reminders

- Learn more about the reopening process: [www.mass.gov/reopening](https://www.mass.gov/reopening).
- Apply to the Boston Reopen Fund [boston.gov/reopenfund](https://boston.gov/reopenfund). The \$6 million Fund is a

resource to help small businesses minimize risk and manage economic recovery during reopening.

- The [ONE+Boston](#) program gives income-qualified first-time Boston homebuyers greater ability to purchase a home in Boston.
- If you hear or see fireworks being displayed in your neighborhood, please call 911. You can also anonymously report the illegal purchasing or selling of fireworks to the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463).
- When going outside, wear a face covering, practice physical distancing from others (6 feet apart), and avoid mass gatherings.
- Anyone experiencing a medical emergency should call 911.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol; avoid shaking hands
- Cover your coughs and sneezes; clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces; and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you think you might be sick, please call your doctor or 311 to be connected to the Mayor's Health Line 617-534-5050. Buoy Health has created a free online diagnostic tool which screens for COVID19 at [buoy.com/mass](https://buoy.com/mass).
- Donate supplies to first responders [here](#).
- Donate to the City of Boston Resiliency Fund [here](#).
- Volunteer with the City of Boston [here](#).
- Fresh Truck Open Air Markets [schedule](#).
- City Hall is open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 9 am – 5 pm. Learn more about the status of city departments and hours of operation [here](#).
- Tell the Parks Department where you would like to see more open space in our neighborhood [here](#).
- Those employed at grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, and local retail shops can sign up for a free 90-day Bluebikes pass [boston.gov/bike-share](https://boston.gov/bike-share).
- [Learn more](#) about the Boston Public Health Commission's free asthma services.
- Register your carriage house here [bit.ly/carriage-house-adu](https://bit.ly/carriage-house-adu).

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## Stay Informed

Receive the latest COVID19 info from reliable sources. Visit: [bphc.org/coronavirus](https://bphc.org/coronavirus); [boston.gov/coronavirus](https://boston.gov/coronavirus); [mass.gov/2019coronavirus](https://mass.gov/2019coronavirus). Call: 311 or 211.

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## Around the Community



Walthall Chapel COGIC, helps local families during this difficult time.

There are a range of resources for those in the Grove Hall community.

If you need help, just call (617) 460-2326 or email [ewgaskin@gmail.com](mailto:ewgaskin@gmail.com)

Visit Our Website

