



Press Statement – June 10, 2021

Lewiston Lifts State of Emergency Pertaining to COVID-19

Lewiston Mayor Mark A. Cayer and City Administrator Denis D’Auteuil are announcing that the **“State of Emergency”** surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic in Lewiston is being lifted—effective immediately.

“The City of Lewiston has persevered through an unprecedented public health emergency. With the help of our community, we have followed CDC guidelines, practiced social distancing, worn masks, utilized sanitization, and continue to be vaccinated. Thankfully, here in Lewiston and throughout the state & nation, we have turned a corner with significant reductions in COVID cases and hospitalizations, and Lewiston is experiencing rejuvenation as it heads towards more normalcy,” states Cayer.

Cayer continues, *“Although the State of Emergency is being lifted, we encourage community members to further safeguard public health by increasing Lewiston vaccination rates. We urge residents to take advantage of the various local, accessible vaccinations sites, and unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to discuss vaccination with their primary care doctor, friends, and family members. COVID is still a very dangerous virus that has affected many community members, and we have lost many of our neighbors to this deadly virus.”*

The City of Lewiston first declared a State of Emergency on March 17, 2020. The public health action was taken under the authority of the City Charter, 37-B M.R.S.A. §§ 703 and 783, and section 30-29 of the Code of Ordinances, which was deemed in effect until rescinded by the Mayor and City Administrator. As such, Lewiston’s elected officials and staff rallied to adopt restrictions, protections, procedures, and guidelines to combat transmission of the virus.

Mayor Cayer, on behalf of the Lewiston City Council, adds, *“Our ever-changing pandemic response could not have been possible without the tireless work of our City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, and department directors, as well as the steadfast support of our dedicated employees and first responders. As we faced daily uncertainties, we are very proud that Lewiston employees collaboratively and effectively found ways to safely provide needed services to keep our city moving forward.”*

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