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City of Lowell Health Department Relocated to 107 Merrimack Street

LOWELL, MA - Lowell City Manager Eileen Donoghue has announced that the City's Health Department has relocated to the fourth floor of 107 Merrimack Street from its former location at 341 Pine Street. The move positions the Department in a centrally located space Downtown, enhancing the accessibility of its public health and community health services to residents. In addition to offices for the Health Department's 20 employees, the roughly 10,000 square foot space houses dedicated clinic space which is intended to enable the expansion of clinical programming, including immunizations, screenings, health promotion and educational services.

Plans for the move were finalized last year, and were initiated by a motion passed by the City Council calling for a strategic assessment of space owned and utilized by the City through which relocating the Health Department was identified as an opportunity to optimize operations and services.

"The advantages provided by our new location at 107 Merrimack Street will allow the Health Department to expand our services and better fulfill our mission of improving the health and wellbeing of Lowell residents through effective public health strategies," said **Director of Health and Human Services Joanne Belanger**. "Our proximity to other important services, including the Lowell Public Schools Family Resource Center, and the addition of dedicated clinic space will be great assets to the Department."

Services offered by the Health Department include communicable disease management, dissemination of public information on health topics, substance abuse prevention, tobacco control, unwanted medication and sharps disposal, and permitting for tobacco, body art and massage.

Members of the public visiting the Health Department at its new location should enter the building from Merrimack Street through the main door to the right of the MassHire Lowell Career Center and take the elevator located in the lobby to the fourth floor.

In order to limit contact during the COVID-19 pandemic, City of Lowell departments, including the Health Department, are currently offering limited public hours on Tuesdays from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM and Thursdays from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The Health Department is available to assist residents remotely during all regular business hours, and can be reached by phone at 978-674-4010.

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