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# PRESS RELEASE

# New Bedford Cleans Up After Blizzard

- Emergency parking ban lifted as of 12 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30
- Handful of power outages remaining in Greater New Bedford
- City offices to re-open Monday; school announcements pending

New Bedford, Massachusetts – City crews are continuing to clear local roadways this morning after more than 18 inches of snow fell on New Bedford during a gusty, all-day blizzard Saturday. Many business closures and event cancellations remain in place today. City offices will re-open Monday and school announcements are pending.

### Power Outages Nearly all Restored as of Sunday Morning

More than 20,000 New Bedford customers had lost power by the peak of outages around mid-day Saturday, but only a handful of outages remained in Greater New Bedford as of Sunday morning, according to Eversource data and outage maps. Please avoid downed power lines. Call 1-800-592-2000 to report outages or downed lines.

## Citywide Snow Emergency Parking Ban Lifted as of 12 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30

New Bedford's citywide snow emergency parking ban is lifted as of 12 p.m. today, Jan. 30. Please remove vehicles from school parking lots as soon as is possible and safe, to help schools reopen Monday. The parking ban is designed to allow City workers to efficiently remove snow from New Bedford roadways, and enable public safety vehicles and residents to travel safely.

Please be patient as city crews continue to remove snow from local streets and roadways. Saturday's heavy snow and gusting winds have created an extensive snow removal process. To report snow removal issues on city streets, residents may contact the Department of Public Infrastructure at (508) 991-6150.

#### **Buttonwood Park Zoo Closed Sunday**

Buttonwood Park Zoo remains closed on Sunday, and potentially will reopen Monday, Jan. 31, depending on snow removal.

#### **New Bedford Regional Airport Closed Sunday**

New Bedford Regional Airport remains closed on Sunday, Jan. 30, as crews work to move the heavy snow from Saturday's blizzard. Passengers should contact their air carriers directly to confirm their flight status.

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Canceled on Sunday**

The COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Workers Community Center / Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores, 1534 Acushnet Ave., has been canceled for Sunday, Jan. 30. The clinic will take place the following Sunday, Feb. 6.

#### SRTA Buses, Transit Services Not Operating Sunday

Buses and transit services provided by the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority will not be operating Sunday, which is the first day of SRTA's temporary suspension of demand response services.

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