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To: All Massachusetts Chiefs of Police, The Police Commissioner of the City of Boston

From: Michael Flanagan, Director, Department of Labor Standards

Date: September 30, 2020

Re: **Permits for Holiday Openings: Thanksgiving Day - November 26, 2020
and Christmas Day - December 25, 2020**

The Department of Labor Standards must approve all local permits to allow retail stores and businesses to perform work and to be open on certain holidays, including Thanksgiving, November 26, 2020 and Christmas Day, December 25, 2020. Permits must be approved by the Department of Labor Standards on a uniform basis statewide. See [Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 136, §15](#).

Please be advised that the Department of Labor Standards will not issue statewide approval for permits for businesses to open on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day 2020.

For further information, please view our Blue Laws Overview on our website at mass.gov/lwd/labor-standards/dls/mass-blue-laws/overview.html or contact the Department of Labor Standards by phone: (617) 626-6952 or by email to: kathleen.coyne@mass.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Flanagan", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Flanagan, Director
Department of Labor Standards