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Dear Emergency Medical Services Providers, Police, and Fire:

Thank you for all you have done each and every day, for the past nine months, to keep our residents safe while also managing and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The challenges COVID-19 has presented are ones none of us asked for, but nevertheless ones that you've risen to. We continue to thank you for these ongoing efforts.

Acknowledging the continued critical public safety role you all play, this letter is to confirm that, consistent with [Massachusetts COVID-19 Command Center guidance](#), EMS providers and first responders are not required to quarantine following an exposure to COVID-19, **provided the EMS provider or first responder is not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms and continues to self-monitor for symptoms.**

We encourage you all to remain vigilant about using appropriate personal protective equipment, wearing face coverings, maintaining 6 feet of distance from those around you except when absolutely necessary, and staying home if you feel sick.

We appreciate your ongoing response to this unprecedented pandemic and work to ensure you not only protect the public, but yourselves as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marylou Sudders".

Marylou Sudders

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Turco".

Thomas Turco