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**COVID-19 Command Center**  
**Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency**

## Situation Update

*The Command Center Situation Report is published weekly. The next report will be published on Thursday, 6/10/21.*



*On Friday, May 28, Governor Baker signed an order terminating the State of Emergency effective June 15 and rescinding most COVID-19 restrictions. (Story below)*

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## Situation in Numbers

Massachusetts **current as of 6/3**

661,635 Total Confirmed Cases ([click here for more information](#))

17,530 Deaths among confirmed cases

23,043,833 tests for the virus conducted to date by MA State Public Health Laboratory, hospitals, and commercial laboratories.

United States **Last Updated 6/3**

*Case numbers are updated daily.*

**Total Cases Reported to CDC:**

33,130,027 Total Cases

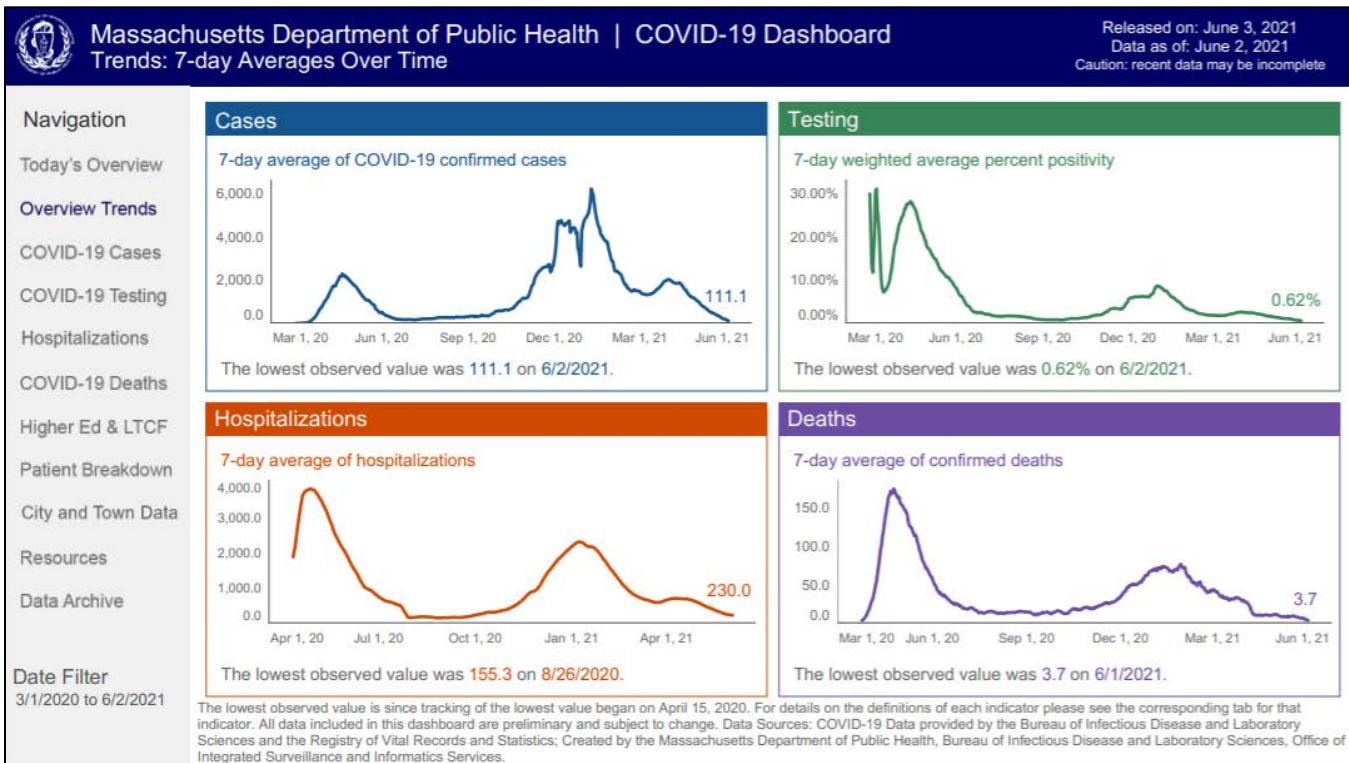
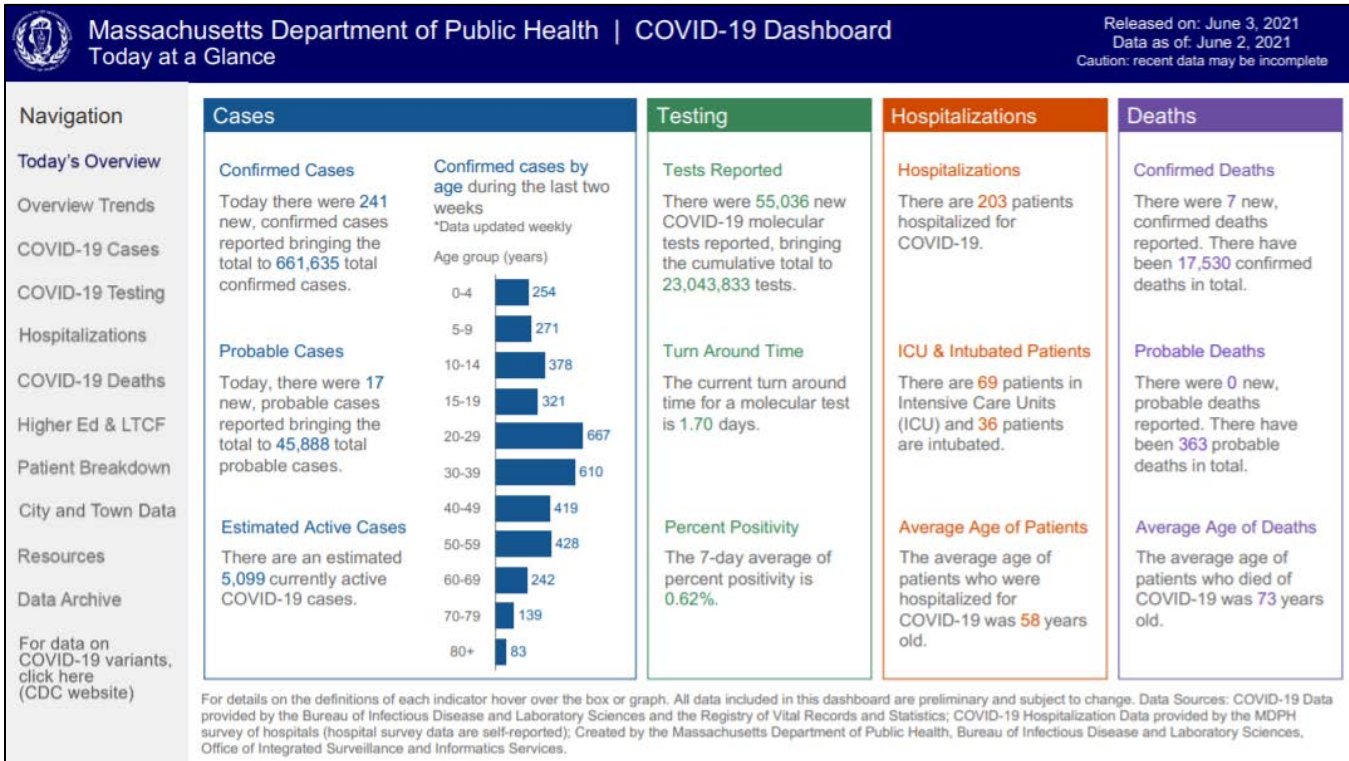
592,776 Deaths

57 Jurisdictions Reporting Cases (50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas, Marshall Islands, American Samoa, and US V.I.)



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## Latest Data: COVID-19 Public Health Update

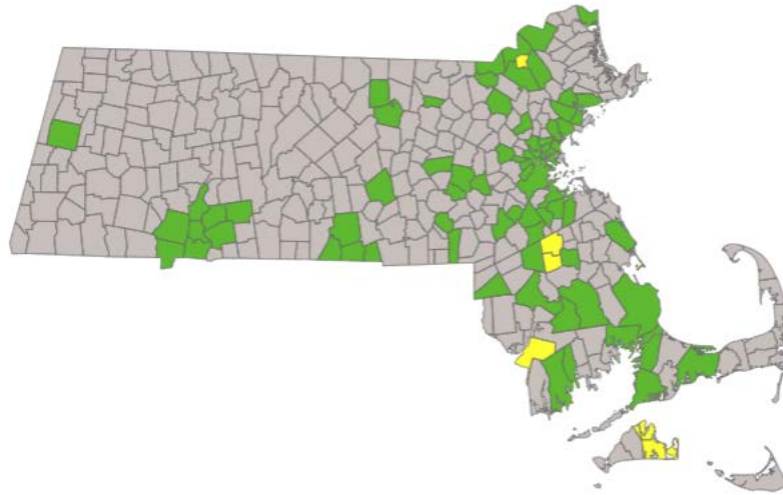




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**NEW: No Massachusetts Communities “In The Red”:**

For the first time since August 2020, when the [Baker-Polito Administration launched](#) a community COVID-19 risk classification system, no city or town in Massachusetts is classified as red, or high-risk due to coronavirus case rates. The number of communities in the high-risk red zone peaked in mid-January 2021, when 229 of the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth were classified as red. To see this week’s map, visit the [COVID-19 Interactive Data Dashboard](#) and select “City and Town Data.”



**Weekly Public Health Report:**

The Command Center released the [Weekly Public Health Report](#) on Thursday, 6/3. The report primarily includes information related to cases and inspection data for Long Term Care Facilities. Data previously included in the Weekly Report, including town-level data, contact tracing information (including active COVID cluster information by Exposure Setting Type), are now presented in the [Daily Interactive Dashboard](#).

**Vaccine Update:** For a more detailed weekly breakdown, [visit the MA COVID-19 Vaccination Data webpage](#).

	5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31	6/1	6/2	6/3
<b>DOSES SHIPPED</b>							
Doses Shipped to MA Providers (MIIS)*	5,742,625	5,758,495	5,758,495	5,758,495	5,758,495	5,770,195	5,772,495
Doses Shipped to Pharmacies and Directly by the Federal Government - Including FPPP Providers (Tiberius)	3,388,825	3,419,245	3,419,245	3,419,245	3,419,245	3,462,695	3,472,645
<b>Grand Total Shipped to MA</b>	<b>9,131,450</b>	<b>9,177,740</b>	<b>9,177,740</b>	<b>9,177,740</b>	<b>9,177,740</b>	<b>9,232,890</b>	<b>9,245,140</b>
<b>DOSES ADMINISTERED (MIIS)*</b>							
1st Moderna or Pfizer Doses Administered # of people with at least one dose	4,148,994	4,164,408	4,175,202	4,183,946	4,190,328	4,197,598	4,209,713
2nd Moderna or Pfizer Doses Administered # of people fully vaccinated	3,351,283	3,383,265	3,402,867	3,413,631	3,420,683	3,441,767	3,462,962
Janssen (J&J) Doses Administered (MIIS) # of people fully vaccinated	248,119	249,327	250,281	250,935	251,405	252,212	253,748
<b>Grand Total Doses Administered (MIIS)</b>	<b>7,748,396</b>	<b>7,797,000</b>	<b>7,828,350</b>	<b>7,848,512</b>	<b>7,862,416</b>	<b>7,891,577</b>	<b>7,926,423</b>
<b>Grand Total Fully Vaccinated People with Existing COVID-19 Vaccines**</b>	<b>3,599,402</b>	<b>3,632,592</b>	<b>3,653,148</b>	<b>3,664,566</b>	<b>3,672,088</b>	<b>3,693,979</b>	<b>3,716,710</b>
<b>% of Total Doses Shipped That Have Been Reported as Administered</b>	<b>84.9%</b>	<b>85.0%</b>	<b>85.3%</b>	<b>85.5%</b>	<b>85.7%</b>	<b>85.5%</b>	<b>85.7%</b>

\*Data from the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) are as of midnight the night before.

\*\*Fully vaccinated people have 2 doses of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or 1 dose of Janssen (J&J) vaccine

## *Week in Review: State Actions*

### **Governor Baker Issues Order Rescinding COVID-19 Restrictions on May 29 and Terminating State of Emergency Effective June 15**

Last Friday, Governor Charlie Baker joined Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy and Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders to sign an Executive Order terminating the Commonwealth's State of Emergency effective June 15, 2021.

The Order also rescinds most COVID-19 restrictions, including limitations placed on businesses, as of tomorrow, May 29 as Massachusetts nears the goal of vaccinating four million residents. This week, the Commonwealth passed the 3.5 million mark for fully vaccinated residents.

"Today marks an important milestone in our fight against COVID-19 here in the Commonwealth," **said Governor Baker** at last week's signing.

"Over the last 15 months, the residents of Massachusetts have shown an incredible amount of strength and resiliency, and we are pleased to take this step forward towards a return to normal."

"With restrictions ending tomorrow and continued progress towards our vaccination goal, Massachusetts is on a path towards renewing our economy and returning to normal," **said Lt. Governor Polito**. "We look forward to working with communities across the state to help them get their main streets and downtowns back up and running and for a sustained recovery ahead."

Effective May 29, all industries will be permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for masks in public and private transportation systems, hospitals and other facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. All gathering limits will also be rescinded.

To continue certain public health requirements, like requiring face coverings in certain settings, to remain effective past June 15, Governor Baker today issued a modified declaration of a public health emergency under the public health statute.

Under this order, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Health will be proposing to the Public Health Council the continuation of some public health orders in the coming weeks to maintain flexibilities and policies for vaccination, testing and other critical operations.

[Earlier last week](#), Governor Baker filed legislation to extend certain emergency measures currently in place via executive orders that are set to expire on June 15 with the end of the State of Emergency. The bill would extend measures providing for a temporary suspension of certain open meeting law requirements, special permits for expanded outside dining at restaurants, and surprise billing protections for COVID-19 patients.

### **Ramp Down of Mass Vaccination Sites, Targeted Everbridge Message to Disproportionately Impacted Communities**

Today, the Baker-Polito Administration announced the planned closing dates for mass vaccination sites in the Commonwealth over the next several weeks. With nearly 3.7 million residents fully vaccinated and over 4.3

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– Governor Baker

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million people receiving at least a first dose, the Administration is [focused](#) on increasing targeted community-based vaccine efforts to reach remaining populations.

All mass vaccination vendors will continue to work closely with the Commonwealth as they ramp down operations at mass vaccination sites over the next several weeks. Gillette Stadium, the Hynes Convention Center, the Reggie Lewis Center, Natick Mall, and the Doubletree in Danvers will finish operations by the end of June. The Eastfield Mall in Springfield and the former Circuit City in Dartmouth will remain open into July. CIC Health and Curative will continue to support community mobile sites, including on-site employer and school clinics.

The Commonwealth's mass vaccination sites have jointly administered over 1.7 million doses and played an instrumental role in getting residents vaccinated. Today, Massachusetts is a nationwide leader in vaccination, with 79% of all adult residents and 2/3 of all residents having received at least one dose. There are over 900 locations available in every region of Massachusetts. The COVID-19 vaccine is free, and individuals do not need insurance or an ID to get the vaccine.

Currently planned closing dates at each of our mass vaccination sites, all dates are subject to change:

- *Gillette Stadium*: June 14
- *Hynes Convention Center*: June 22
- *Natick Mall*: June 23
- *Reggie Lewis Center*: June 27
- *Doubletree in Danvers*: June 30
- *Eastfield Mall in Springfield*: July 6
- *Former Circuit City in Dartmouth*: July 13

These sites continue to be available to be available to for walk in appointments. For information on days and hours of operation, visit [www.vaxfinder.mass.gov](http://www.vaxfinder.mass.gov).

**Everbridge Message:** Also today, the Command Center sent targeted text and phone messages via the Everbridge alerts system to residents in disproportionately impacted communities to remind people of the importance of getting a vaccine and share locations in their community where they can get vaccinated.

To date, messages have been sent to over 1.1 million residents of 14 equity communities and the Command Center is continuing to work to reach the other communities. This week, messages will be sent to Brockton, Malden, Methuen, Revere, and Worcester.

### **Administration Announces Market Basket Vaccine Incentive:**

Yesterday, the Baker-Polito Administration announced a new series of vaccine clinics hosted in several Market Basket parking lots across the Commonwealth. These clinics build on the Administration's commitment to breaking down barriers to vaccine and boosting access by meeting people where they are.

**The clinics launched today, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Chelsea, Fall River, Lawrence, Lynn and Revere.**

Individuals who get vaccinated at the Market Basket mobile clinics will receive a \$25 Market Basket Gift Card. All individuals 12 and older who live, work or study in Massachusetts are eligible to receive vaccine.

These clinics will be held June 3-5<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. You can see [a full schedule and book an appointment here](#).



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## *Important Updates*

### **Department of Public Health Updates:**

- A new Trust the Facts. Get the Vax. creative materials toolkit gathers all the creative assets ASG and MORE Advertising have developed for our statewide vaccine campaign. This [toolkit of creative assets](#) includes flyers, social media graphics and sample posts, doorknob hangers, videos and more.
- Our Vaccine Equity Initiative continues in 20 communities, encouraging residents to get vaccinated – sharing information about local clinics and mobile vans and walk-in appointments. A [new Highlights page](#) on the Vaccine Equity website includes photos, news clips and details about our community outreach efforts.
- The Museum of Science Boston and CIC Health held a vaccination clinic for all individuals 12 and older Friday, May 28, and Saturday May 29. Visitors receiving a vaccine were provided free parking and two free tickets to the museum, which can be used for a future date.
- DPH Epidemiology Line handled 119 COVID-19 calls and 82 non-COVID-19 calls for a total of 201 calls from 5/24 through 5/30.
- Communication issued: Close contact designation for COVID contact tracing no longer includes outdoor exposure.
- MA211 received 9,609 calls from Monday 5/17 through Sunday 5/31 for a new total of 311,390.
- All HMCC Regions remain at Tier 1 status, in accordance with the [DPH COVID-19 Resurgence Planning and Response Guidance for Acute Care Hospitals](#). DPH and the COVID-19 Command Center will continue to work closely with all regions to monitor hospital capacity statewide.
- There are currently 3 Rapid Response Teams, comprised of nursing staff, deployed to nursing homes across the Commonwealth. Teams are also administering second doses of Pfizer vaccine to nursing and rest home residents as well as Homebound individuals. The team is also administering Janssen vaccine at nursing homes and rest homes that have a high number of residents that are unvaccinated while awaiting further recommendations.

### **Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery Updates:**

#### **Mass Care**

- One state contracted isolation/recovery hotel in the City of Everett continues to receive client placements. 9 individuals are currently housed in the program.
  - Top 5 referring cities:
    - Boston (466)
    - Worcester (201)
    - Springfield (197)
    - Quincy (130)
    - Brockton (124)
  - To date, a total of 2,504 residents have been placed in these hotels for safe isolation and recovery.

#### **Community Food Box Program Update 5/28-6/3:**

MEMA is partnering with the Salvation Army, and a vendor, to bring in shelf-stable food boxes each week to support communities in their effort to deliver food to individuals and families in quarantine and isolation who require assistance accessing food. The final delivery of food boxes to MEMA's State Logistics Warehouse was scheduled for April 30. Distribution of food boxes will continue until inventory is depleted. Distribution of food boxes is coordinated between MEMA and communities in need. The table below reflects the current food box inventory and number of food boxes distributed to communities during the weekly reporting period (data is updated every Friday).

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Total Number of Food Boxes in MEMA's Inventory	Total Number of Food Boxes Distributed to One or More Local Communities During the Reporting Period	Total Number of Communities that Received Food Boxes During the Reporting Period
3,477	192	2

Grocery Card Distribution Program Update 5/28-6/3:

As an extension of the isolation and quarantine food program, the Food Security Task Force has begun coordinating the distribution of grocery cards in addition to or in lieu of shelf-stable food boxes. These grocery cards allow individuals to have greater flexibility of food options and help accommodate unique dietary needs and cultural food preferences.

Store Name	Number of Cards Distributed During the Reporting Period	Total Value of Cards
Market Basket	30	\$1,500
<b>Total Number of Communities Receiving Cards: 1</b>		

**Logistics (including Personal Protective Equipment and Supplies)**

- 36 orders prepared for pickup or delivery from the MEMA State Logistics Warehouse from 5/28-6/3.
  - As part of these orders, Mass Vaccination Sites, MDPH Community Health Centers, and Command Center Vaccine Equity Programs are being supported.
  - Orders are also being processed to support School Districts across the Commonwealth.
- MDPH coordinated There were 12 deliveries to healthcare entities on Tuesday (6/1) (3 PPE, 39 BinaxNOW At-Home Kits, 18 BinaxNOW kits); 26 deliveries on Thursday (6/3) (26 BinaxNOW At-Home Kits, 266 BinaxNOW, 1 Testing Supplies); and 7 deliveries on Friday (6/4) (1 PPE, 37 BinaxNOW, 24 BinaxNOW At-Home Kits).

**Disaster Recovery**

On March 27, 2020, the President [declared](#) a Major Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts related to the COVID-19 pandemic response. Through this declaration, federal aid will be made available to cities and towns, state agencies, and certain non-profits in all Massachusetts counties to help pay for emergency protective measures (response costs) related to the COVID-19 pandemic. MEMA's Recovery Unit has developed a [webpage](#) with information and guidance on, but not limited to, disaster declaration, eligibility criteria, and the application process. Highlights from the Disaster Recovery process include the following:

Data as of: 5/28/2021			
<b>MEMA COVID-19 EXECUTIVE DASHBOARD</b>			
<b>AGGREGATE PROGRAM VIEW</b>			
<small>Note: Financial data for pre-submission projects reflect 100% federal cost share while submitted projects continue to reflect 75% federal cost share. The remaining 25% federal cost share for submitted projects will be reported as FEMA adjusts cost share for these projects on a rolling basis. In addition, figures do not include MEMA management cost allowance.</small>			
Overall (Best Available Estimate)	Submitted (Eligibility & Cost Review)	Approved* (by FEMA)	Paid (by MEMA)
\$1.6B +\$42.53M	\$1.2B +\$12.65M	\$693.0M +\$4.10M	\$404.7M -\$43.78K
1,094 Projects +17	769 Projects +21	281 Projects +16	198 Projects -1
<b>Approved Applicants: 668</b>			



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- FEMA RPA Requests: 677
- Technical Assistant Requests: 529
- Providing technical assistance to ensure that all applicants meet the 6/15/21 Public Assistance equity reporting deadline for COVID-19 vaccination efforts.
- Conducted the second COVID-19 Safe Opening & Operation webinar today for potential new applicants. One additional new applicant webinar is scheduled for 6/10/21. Registration for the webinar can be done through the MEMA website ([here](#)).
- New project obligations (12): \$398,644.00

### FEMA Funeral Assistance as of 6/2/21

FEMA began processing applications for funeral assistance starting on 4/12 ([learn more here](#)).

State	Registrations	In Process	Eligible	Award Amount	Withdrawn	Ineligible
MA	4,458	4,121	325	\$2,302,971.29	0	12

### Massachusetts COVID-19 Response Dashboard

MEMA has developed and maintains a public-facing COVID-19 ArcGIS Online dashboard, available [here](#). This dashboard is continuously updated and captures information about current COVID 19 case counts, cases by age, cases by county, hospital status, hospital bed status, death tolls, and deaths by age. Users should refresh the dashboard daily as enhancements are continuously being added.

Health care facilities can learn more about [requesting personal protective equipment here](#).

### Holyoke and Chelsea Soldiers' Homes Update:

**NOTE:** The Soldiers' Homes are continuing regular reporting on the status of COVID-19 cases at the facilities but are transitioning the weekly reporting to the EOHS State Facility Dashboard which is published every Wednesday afternoon. Cases will be reported weekly each Wednesday [on this dashboard](#).

## Communications Resources

### COVID-19 vaccination for youth ages 12+

Youth ages 12+ can now be vaccinated with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

- For details, including information on parental consent, and FAQs, visit [mass.gov/vaccinesforYOUth](https://mass.gov/vaccinesforYOUth).
- Youth age 12 and above may be preregistered at <http://VaccineSignup.mass.gov>.
- Download our [youth-related graphics](#) for your messaging.

**New Flyer No ID or health insurance:** Please spread the word that the COVID-19 vaccine is free, and no ID or insurance is required to get vaccinated. Flyers can be downloaded from [mass.gov](https://mass.gov) and posters can be ordered from the [Public Health Clearinghouse](#) at no cost.

### Reminder Request a DPH COVID-19 Vaccine Ambassador

DPH ambassadors can attend community forums or meetings to share information about the safety of and access to the vaccine. They can speak, answer questions, or listen to feedback to share with DPH. To invite a DPH ambassador to your forum, please complete [this form](#).





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## **New Trust the Facts Creative Toolkit**

This creative materials toolkit gathers all the creative assets ASG and MORE Advertising have developed for our statewide vaccine campaign. This [toolkit of creative assets](#) includes flyers, social media graphics and sample posts, doorknob hangers, videos and more. Use them with your constituents and communities.

## **New Materials for refugees, immigrants, and migrants**

The National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants (NRC-RIM), funded by the CDC, has free, customizable, and translated campaigns for anyone to use. Materials are in 30+ languages that are representative of refugee populations living in Massachusetts. Visit [Stop COVID-19 – Vaccine education and outreach materials | Mass.gov](#).



## **Increasing COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake Among Members of Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities**

This CDC [guide](#) includes strategies, interventions, and ready-made messages and materials, as well as information on how to connect with others to increase COVID-19 vaccination confidence and access in racial and ethnic minority communities.

## **CDC 'plain language' materials in multiple languages**

- [Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Communication Resources for COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)



## **Other Public Messaging Resources for Communities:**

The COVID-19 Command Center and DPH have produced many communication resources aimed at helping communities inform and educate residents on recent executive orders and guidance related to COVID-19.

- [Trust the Facts, Get the Vax Campaign Materials | Mass.gov](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Posters | Mass.gov](#)
- [Preparing for your COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment flier | Mass.gov](#)
- [Guide to hosting a forum on the COVID-19 Vaccine | Mass.gov](#)

## **Resources**

### **MassSupport**

MassSupport is the Massachusetts Crisis Counseling Program funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and managed in partnership between the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health and Riverside Trauma Center, a program of Riverside Community Care. Contact MassSupport by phone at **888-215-4920** or by email at [MassSupport@riversidecc.org](mailto:MassSupport@riversidecc.org)

### **Red Cross Virtual Family Assistance Center**

In order to provide support to families and communities who have suffered loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Red Cross has developed a Virtual Family Assistance Center (VFAC), staffed by a team of specially trained mental health, spiritual care, and health services volunteers who are:

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- Connecting with families over the phone to offer condolences, emotional and spiritual support, and access to available resources
- Providing support for virtual memorial services for families, including connecting with local faith-based community partners
- Hosting online classes to foster resilience and facilitate coping skills
- Assisting families with access to national, state, or local resources such as grief counseling, legal resources, funeral information, financial information services, or veterans' assistance
- Additional state- and local-specific resources are available.

**People can visit:** <https://www.redcross.org/virtual-family-assistance-center/ma-family-assistance-center.html> to access this resource with special virtual programs, information, referrals, and services to support families in need. People without internet access can **call toll-free 833-492-0094** for help. All Family Assistance Center support will be provided virtually and is completely confidential and free.

### **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) now reports on the number of positive COVID-19 cases as reported to the DESE by school districts (including charter schools), collaboratives, and approved special education schools. The data only represents what has been reported to DESE. For more information and to view the report people can visit: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/positive-cases/>

### **COVID-19 Test Site Locator**

MEMA, in conjunction with the COVID-19 Command Center, has developed an [interactive tool](#) that shows the locations of COVID-19 testing sites around the Commonwealth.

## *Stay Informed*

- Get information from trusted sources. Get notified by text, email, or phone call in your preferred language. Visit <https://member.everbridge.net/index/406686158291020/#/signup> to sign-up for **AlertsMA** for the latest news on the Commonwealth's response to COVID-19
- Take care of your emotional health:
- Call 2-1-1 and choose the "CALL2TALK" option.
- Samaritans is continuing operations 24/7, as always. During this unprecedented time, it can feel overwhelming to receive constant messages about COVID-19. Call or text their 24/7 helpline any time at 877-870-4673.
- The Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster, including disease outbreaks like COVID-19. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories.

## *How to Help Out*

[Donate](#) to organizations supported by the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund

### **The Need for Blood Donations Continues, and Recovered COVID-19 Donors Can Help Save Lives**

In coordination with the FDA, the Red Cross is seeking people who are fully recovered from coronavirus to sign up to donate plasma to help current COVID-19 patients. Interested individuals can visit [RedCrossBlood.org/plasma4covid](http://RedCrossBlood.org/plasma4covid) to learn more. To donate blood visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org)