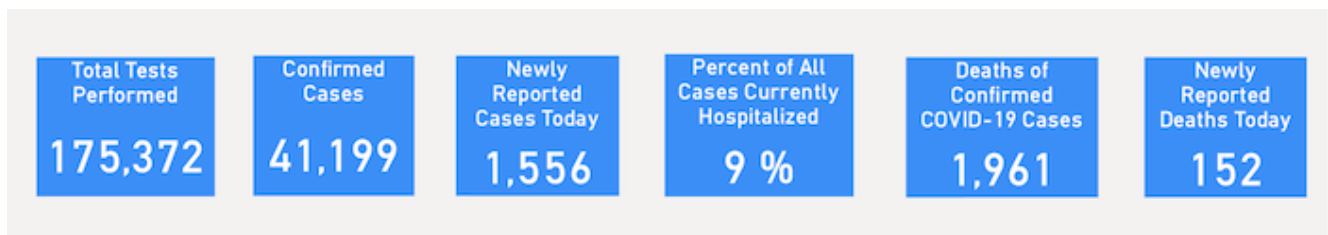


# Massachusetts COVID-19 related cases top 41,000, state approaches 2,000 deaths

## Massachusetts Coronavirus Update

On April 21, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 1,556 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 41,199. This is a slight decrease from Monday's 1,566 reported cases. 152 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported since yesterday, up from 103, bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 1,961. As of 4 pm today, 175,372 people in Massachusetts have been tested for COVID-19.



The Baker-Polito Administration today announced new actions to support the ongoing COVID-19 response, including extending the closure of all public and private schools through the end of the school year, and the closure of all non-emergency child care programs until June 29, 2020. The Administration also announced further support for students and families impacted by COVID-19. Full details [here](#).

A fifth Bristol County staff member to test positive for COVID-19. Full details [here](#).

Massachusetts workers would receive 80 extra hours, or 10 days, of job-protected paid sick time to use during the COVID-19 crisis, under a bill recently filed by Rep. Paul Donato and Sen. Jason Lewis. Full details [here](#).

## **New Bedford Coronavirus Update**

Mayor Jon Mitchell's office reported 90 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in New Bedford Tuesday morning, bringing the total positive cases in the city to 278, **up from 188 on Monday**. Yesterday, Mayor Mitchell reported that the City of New Bedford's COVID-19 count was more than 33% higher than the Massachusetts Department of Health count for New Bedford. Full statement **here**.

New Bedford added one more COVID-19 related death since Monday bringing the total to 10. No specific details (age, sex of the patient, etc) is available.

New Bedford's 2020 Memorial Day parade, scheduled for Monday, May 25, has been canceled due to social distancing measures in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Full details **here**.

New Bedford's Annual Cape Verdean Recognition Parade has been canceled. This year's parade would have been the 48th year. Full details **here**.

## **Fall River Coronavirus Update**

Fall River today reported 5 more confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. According to Mayor Coogan, the Fall River has seen 189 total positive cases. Full details **here**.