

Massachusetts officials report 2,221 new COVID-19 cases, 159 new deaths

Massachusetts Coronavirus Update

On April 17, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 2,221 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 34,402. This is a decrease from Thursday's 2,263 reported cases. 159 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported since yesterday, up from 137, bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 1,404.

As of 4 pm today, 148,744 people in Massachusetts have been tested for COVID-19 – 7,971 in the past 24 hours compared to the previous day's total of 8,750.



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Cases in MA

As of April 17, 2020

Confirmed Cases Reported =34402

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES
County	
Barnstable	573
Berkshire	383
Bristol	1659
Dukes	12
Essex	4584
Franklin	173
Hampden	2134
Hampshire	258
Middlesex	7744
Nantucket	9
Norfolk	3499
Plymouth	2577
Suffolk	7272
Worcester	2765
Unknown	760
Sex	
Female	17823
Male	14991
Unknown	1588
Age Group	
≤19 years of age	803
20-29 years of age	4095
30-39 years of age	5040
40-49 years of age	5071
50-59 years of age	6158
60-69 years of age	4850
70-79 years of age	3342
≥ 80 years of age	4777
Unknown	266
Deaths	
Attributed to COVID-19	1404

Key Updates

- There were 7,971 new tests conducted for a total of 148,744.
- There are 2,221 new cases for a total of 34,402.
- 159 new deaths were reported for a total of 1,404.
- Details are below.
- There is day-to-day variability in cases reported by testing laboratories and no single day change is indicative of overall cases trends.

The Baker-Polito Administration today announced the distribution of approximately 200,000 respirator masks for all local law enforcement officers and firefighters to ensure they have the protective equipment during the COVID-19 crisis. Full details [here](#).

New Bedford Coronavirus Update

Mayor Jon Mitchell's office reported six additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in New Bedford Thursday afternoon, bringing the total positive cases in the city to 180, **up from 174 yesterday**. The total COVID-19 related deaths in New Bedford is now at eight. Mayor Mitchell reported **one new COVID-19 related death on Thursday**. No further information on the death is available.

Due to Patriots' Day, Monday, April 20, there will be no residential trash and recycling collection on Monday, April 20 in New Bedford. Full details **here**.

Fall River Coronavirus Update

According to Mayor Coogan, the City of Fall River is down 4 positive cases from yesterday making the total identified number of cases of COVID-19 in Fall River 178. 82 individuals have recovered. Full details **here**.

The Diocese of Fall River announced today that the financial impact of the COVID-19 crisis requires it to close two Catholic schools at the end of this school year. Full details **here**.