

New Bedford reports 151 total positive COVID-19 cases Monday, up 15 since Saturday

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell's office reported 151 positive cases of COVID-19 Monday morning, up from the **136 cases they reported on Saturday** and up from 119 on Friday. New Bedford doesn't report totals on Sundays.

Mayor Mitchell reported **New Bedford's third COVID-19 related death on Friday.**

The City of Fall River reported an additional 25 confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Sunday. According to Mayor Coogan, there are 141 confirmed cases in Fall River. Full details **here.**

Mayor Jon Mitchell, Southcoast Health President and CEO Keith Hovan, and representatives of Essex Group Management Corporation today announced two Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Care Centers in New Bedford for those recovering from COVID-19. Full details with photos and video **here.**

On April 12, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 2,615 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 25,475. This is an increase from Saturday's 1,886 reported cases. 70 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported since yesterday bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 756. Full details **here.**

MCAS testing requirements for the school year are suspended, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will modify or waive graduation requirements for students set to complete high school this summer, and due dates for district improvement plans will be pushed back under a bill Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law Friday. Full details **here.**

Thousands of state health care workers will be getting a raise after the union representing licensed nurses and caregivers working in Massachusetts state hospitals and group homes struck a deal Sunday night with the state to increase pay by as much as \$10 an hour for the duration of the COVID-19 health emergency. Full details **here**.