

# **New Bedford reports first deaths related to COVID-19, positive test count now at 81**

New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell's office reported Wednesday morning that New Bedford had its first two deaths related to COVID-19 and now has 81 positive cases of COVID-19, up from the **71 cases they reported on Tuesday** and up from 65 on Monday. The New Bedford residents that passed away were in their 80s and 90s.

Mayor Mitchell broke the news this morning on Twitter:

"I am saddened to announce the Covid-related deaths of two #Newbedford residents. Our city's prayers are with their families."

On April 7, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 1,365 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 15,202. This is a slight increase over Monday's 1,337 reported cases. 96 new deaths were reported in the past three days bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 356. Full details **here**.

As of 4 pm Tuesday, 81,344 people in Massachusetts have been tested for COVID-19 – 4,915 in the past 24 hours.

**Brockton has seven times the amount of positive COVID-19 cases** as comparably sized cities in Massachusetts like New Bedford and Fall River and 147 more cases than Worcester, which has almost 100,000 more people. Full details **here**.

The City of New Bedford is slated to receive \$1,624,151 in funding through the CDB20-COVID Recovery Grant Fund and \$805,424 in funding through the ESG20-COVID Recovery Grant, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(HUD) through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Full details [here](#).