

# Thursday, June 17, 2021

## COVID-19 Command Center

### Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

## Situation Update

**NOTE:** With the lifting of the Commonwealth's State of Emergency on June 15<sup>th</sup> and the decommissioning of the COVID-19 Command Center, this will be the final Situation Report issued.



On Wednesday, Governor Baker and local officials visited the vaccination site at Caring Health Center in Springfield to express thanks for the care and commitment that its vaccinators have demonstrated over the course of the pandemic.

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### Helpful Links:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine in Massachusetts](#)
- [FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance](#)
- [Unemployment & COVID-19](#)
- [Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [COVID-19 Cost Eligibility and Tracking Guidance](#)



## Situation in Numbers

Massachusetts **current as of 6/17**

663,048 Total Confirmed Cases ([click here for more information](#))

17,593 Deaths among confirmed cases

23,480,605 tests for the virus conducted to date by MA State Public Health Laboratory, hospitals, and commercial laboratories.

United States **Last Updated 6/17**

Case numbers are updated daily.

**Total Cases Reported to CDC:**

33,327,096 Total Cases

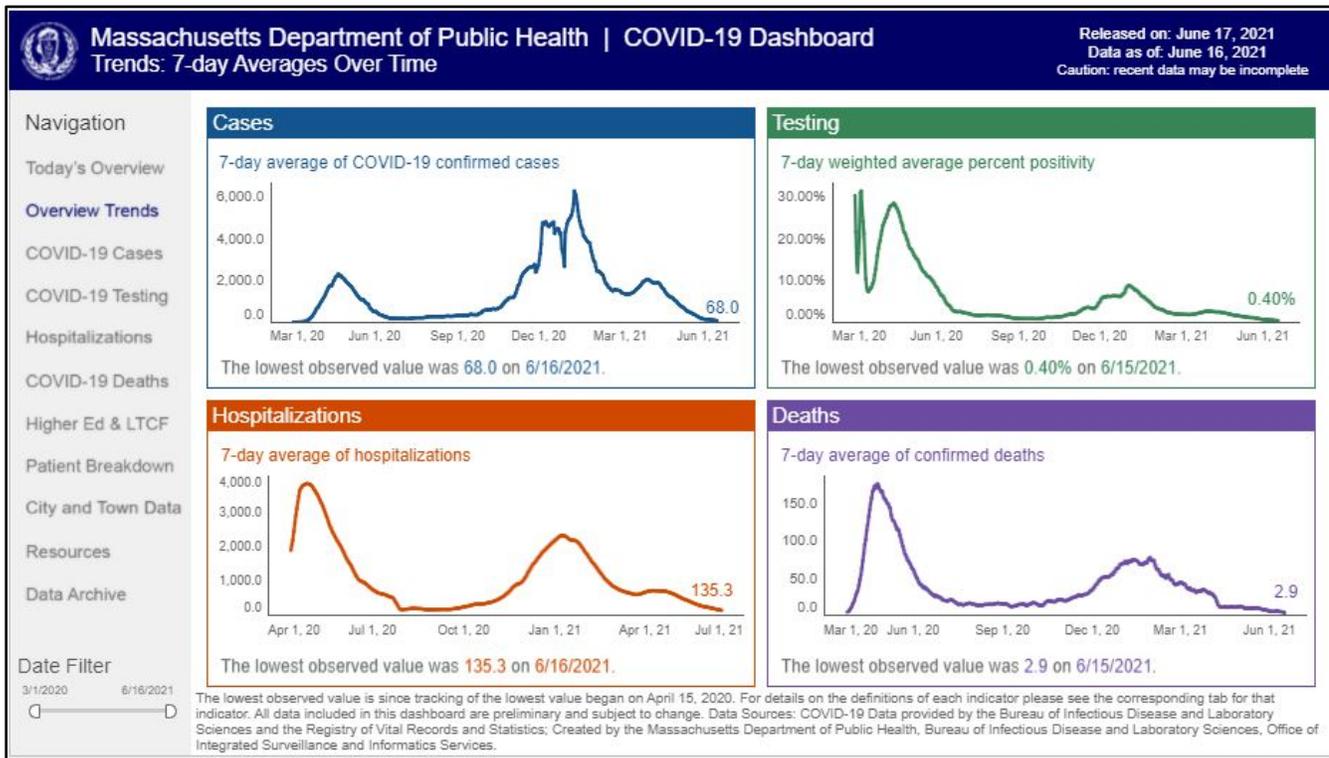
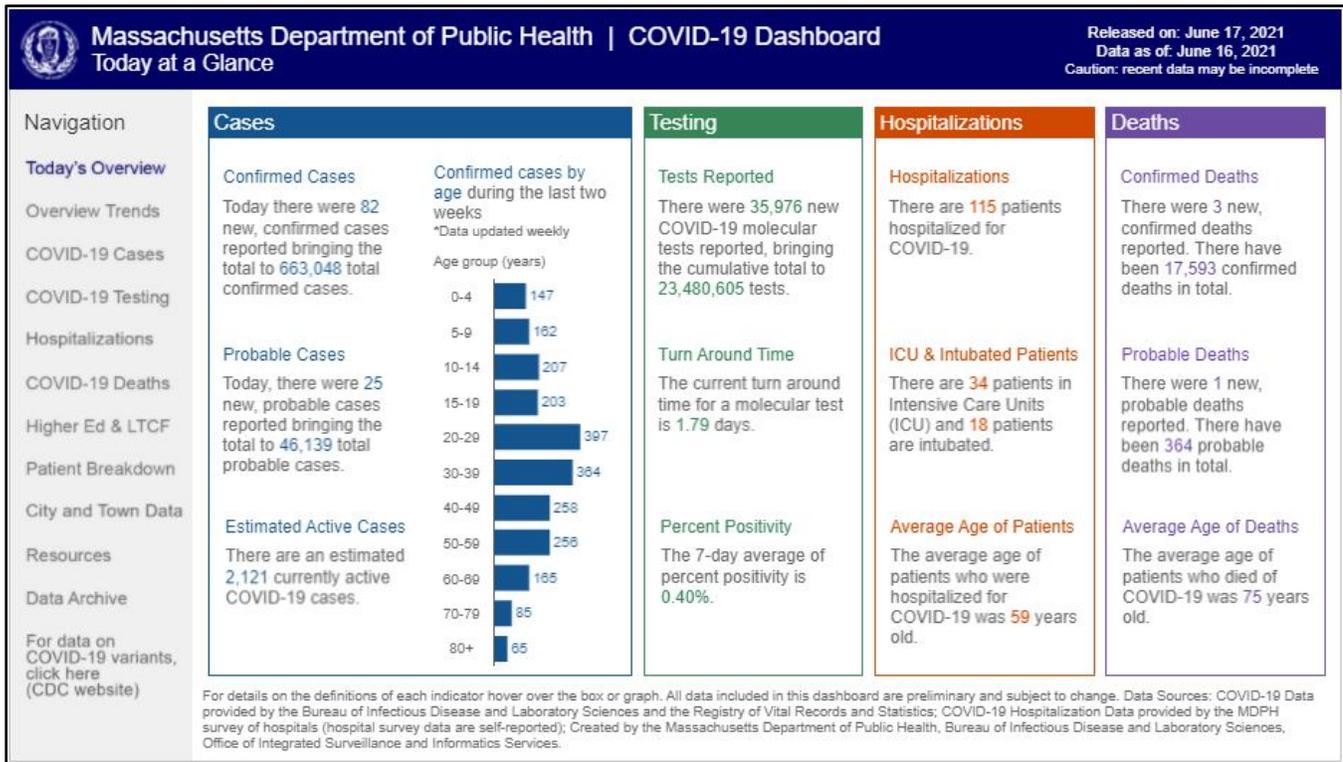
598,301 Deaths

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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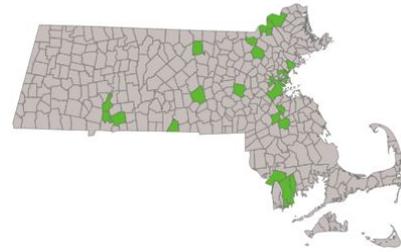
## Latest Data: COVID-19 Public Health Update



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## Cities and Towns Show Continued Improvements in Case Rates:

For the third week in a row, 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 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, 6/17. 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](#).

	6/11	6/12	6/13	6/14	6/15	6/16	6/17
<b>DOSES SHIPPED</b>							
Doses Shipped to MA Providers (MIIS)*	5,810,395	5,814,505	5,814,505	5,814,505	5,817,025	5,817,475	5,819,195
Doses Shipped to Pharmacies and Directly by the Federal Government - Including FPPP Providers (Tiberius)	3,604,795	3,609,925	3,609,925	3,612,845	3,617,645	3,622,315	3,636,685
<b>Grand Total Shipped to MA</b>	<b>9,415,190</b>	<b>9,424,430</b>	<b>9,424,430</b>	<b>9,427,350</b>	<b>9,434,670</b>	<b>9,439,790</b>	<b>9,455,880</b>
<b>DOSES ADMINISTERED (MIIS)*</b>							
1st Moderna or Pfizer Doses Administered # of people with at least one dose	4,300,608	4,305,479	4,308,544	4,310,989	4,325,873	4,334,121	4,340,477
2nd Moderna or Pfizer Doses Administered # of people fully vaccinated	3,672,418	3,687,247	3,699,033	3,706,105	3,738,004	3,759,011	3,774,724
Janssen (J&J) Doses Administered (MIIS) # of people fully vaccinated	262,405	263,336	263,923	264,339	265,536	266,438	267,287
<b>Grand Total Doses Administered (MIIS)</b>	<b>8,235,431</b>	<b>8,256,062</b>	<b>8,271,500</b>	<b>8,281,433</b>	<b>8,329,413</b>	<b>8,359,570</b>	<b>8,382,488</b>
<b>Grand Total Fully Vaccinated People with Existing COVID-19 Vaccines**</b>	<b>3,934,823</b>	<b>3,950,583</b>	<b>3,962,956</b>	<b>3,970,444</b>	<b>4,003,540</b>	<b>4,025,449</b>	<b>4,042,011</b>
<b>% of Total Doses Shipped That Have Been Reported as Administered</b>	<b>87.5%</b>	<b>87.6%</b>	<b>87.8%</b>	<b>87.8%</b>	<b>88.3%</b>	<b>88.6%</b>	<b>88.6%</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

### Commonwealth Launches "Mass VaxMillions" Vaccine Lottery Program:

On Tuesday, the Baker-Polito Administration, Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, and the Massachusetts State Lottery announced the Massachusetts VaxMillions Giveaway for residents who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Fully vaccinated residents 18 and older will have the opportunity to enter to win one of five \$1 million cash prizes. Fully vaccinated residents between 12-17 years of age may enter for the chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants.

Eligible residents will be able to enter the drawing beginning July 1. Drawings will be held once a week for five weeks beginning the week of Monday, July 26 and continuing through the week ending Friday, August 27.

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The Commonwealth is launching the Massachusetts VaxMillions giveaway as one of many strategies to increase awareness of the availability and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines and encourage residents to get vaccinated to keep themselves, their families and their communities safe. Beginning July 1, Massachusetts residents will be able to enter the VaxMillions Giveaway online. If you do not have access to the internet or require assistance, there will be a call center available. Sign up information and call center contact info and hours will be made available prior to July 1.



Massachusetts residents 18 years of age and older, who have received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, will have a chance to win one of five, \$1 million cash prizes.

Massachusetts residents between 12 and 17 years of age who have received two doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will have a chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants via a 529 College Savings Plan managed by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA). Funds in a 529 plan can be applied to cover tuition, room and board, and related expenses at any college, university, or technical or trade school or other post-secondary educational institution eligible to participate in a student aid program administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Winners with a qualifying disability may elect instead to receive an equivalent financial contribution to a special needs trust or federally qualified ABLE account to cover qualified expenses.

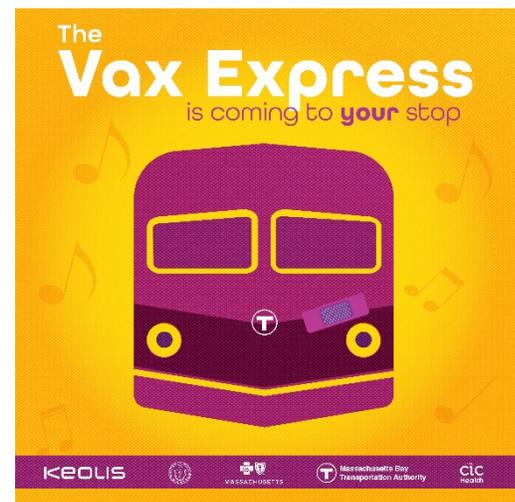
Only lawful, permanent residents of Massachusetts who are fully vaccinated can apply. Residents must have received their vaccine doses within Massachusetts. Residents must be fully vaccinated prior to submitting their entry.

There are over 900 vaccination locations across the Commonwealth, with appointments and walk ins widely available. Residents seeking a vaccine can visit [mass.gov/COVIDVaccine](https://mass.gov/COVIDVaccine) to find a vaccine location that is convenient for them. For more information on the Mass VaxMillions Giveaway, visit [mass.gov/VaxMillions](https://mass.gov/VaxMillions).

### **Administration Announces Additional Vaccine Clinics to Boost Vaccination Access in Disproportionately Impacted Communities:**

Last week, the Administration announced a new initiative, the Vax Express, to help further increase access to the COVID-19 vaccine, particularly in communities with low vaccination rates. The *Vax Express* aims to further increase the Commonwealth's vaccination rate by offering a unique, and community-focused approach to encourage more people to get vaccinated. Massachusetts continues to be a national leader in vaccination rates with 80 percent of adults having received at least one dose and over 4 million residents fully vaccinated.

CIC Health, a partner in the Commonwealth's vaccination effort, will take over an MBTA Commuter Rail train, establishing a rolling vaccination site known as the *Vax Express*, which will make stops at stations in disproportionately impacted communities with low vaccination rates. These stations are located in central locations in each community, providing a convenient location for residents to get vaccinated.



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From June 16 to 20, the *Vax Express* will make stops at stations in Worcester, Lowell, Lawrence, Fitchburg, and in Boston in Mattapan, North Station and South Station. Vaccinations will take place at these local stations aboard the train, which will be staffed by CIC Health partner Cataldo Ambulance. The public can walk-up without an appointment or book an appointment in advance. The *Vax Express* will offer the two-dose Pfizer vaccine for ages 12 and up and the single-dose J&J vaccine for ages 18 and up. Additional information and appointment booking is available at [cic-health.com/VaxExpress](https://cic-health.com/VaxExpress).

CIC Health operates mass vaccination sites at Gillette Stadium, the Reggie Lewis Center, and the Hynes Convention Center. Keolis, the MBTA's commuter rail operating partner, will provide train crews and other resources to operate the *Vax Express* and deploy it to communities throughout the region. Keolis worked with CIC Health and the Massachusetts COVID-19 Command Center to develop the operational schedule for this initiative.

Sharing the common mission of increasing vaccination rates and helping to end the global COVID-19 pandemic, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA) sponsored this initiative.

The *Vax Express* will make the following stops along the MBTA Commuter Rail network:

### **June 18: Lowell and Boston**

Lowell Station on the Lowell line, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
North Station, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### **June 19: Lawrence**

Lawrence Station on the Haverhill line, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

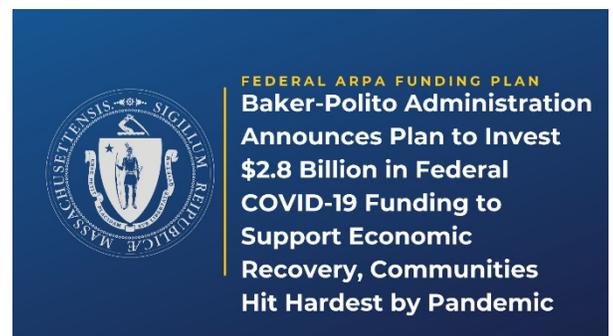
### **June 20: Fitchburg**

Fitchburg Station on the Fitchburg line, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A second round of vaccinations aboard the *Vax Express* will take place July 7 to 11 at these same locations. Dates and times will be announced soon.

### **Administration Announces Plan to Invest \$2.8 Billion in Federal COVID-19 Funding to Support Economic Recovery, Communities Hit Hardest by Pandemic:**

Today, the Administration announced a plan to immediately put to use approximately \$2.815 billion of the Commonwealth's direct federal aid to support key priorities including housing and homeownership, economic development and local downtowns, job training and workforce development, health care, and infrastructure. The Administration's plan aims to jump-start the Commonwealth's economic recovery by investing in urgent priorities, with a particular focus on supporting populations hardest-hit by COVID-19, such as lower-wage workers and communities of color.



The plan is being filed as an amendment to "An Act Relative to Transferring Federal Funds to the Federal COVID-19 Response Fund," which was on the Governor's desk and is being returned to the Legislature.

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The plan was announced today at an event held at the Mount Washington Homes in Haverhill, a project supported by MassHousing's Commonwealth Builder program, a program that promotes homeownership in low- and moderate-income communities, particularly communities of color. The Administration's plan includes \$200 million for Commonwealth Builder and similar programs that aim to close the wealth gap faced by communities of color by connecting first-time homebuyers with homeownership opportunities.



In total, the plan devotes \$1 billion to funding homeownership and housing priorities, a significant investment to help increase housing production and reduce barriers to owning a home as part of the ongoing COVID-19 recovery effort. These new housing resources build upon over \$1.6 billion in separate federal funding that has already been allocated to entities throughout the Commonwealth for housing purposes since the start of the pandemic.

The \$2.815 billion is part of a total of approximately \$5.3 billion in direct aid to the Commonwealth from the federal American Rescue Plan Act. These discretionary funds are intended to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts, replace lost revenue, support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses, and address unequal public health and economic challenges in Massachusetts cities and towns throughout the pandemic. ARPA is also providing a total of \$3.4 billion in direct aid for municipalities throughout Massachusetts, as well as substantial funding for key priorities including a total of \$1.1 billion for transit. With a focus on increasing capacity for child care and supporting parents as they return to work, the Administration is also proposing to distribute approximately \$760 million in additional federal funding to child care providers in Massachusetts over the coming years, and looks forward to working with key stakeholders on the usages of these funds.

The remaining \$2.3 billion in direct federal aid would stay in the Federal COVID-19 Response Fund, and the Administration looks forward to working closely with the Legislature to allocate these resources in a fiscally responsible and compliant manner.

In addition to this discretionary funding, an additional \$35.2 billion in other ARPA funding has been directed to the Commonwealth to support additional areas of recovery including direct aid to municipalities, transportation, and child care. This includes approximately \$3.4 billion in direct aid to cities, towns, and counties throughout Massachusetts. The plan therefore includes language allowing a local match for numerous programs to better leverage municipal support, optimize the usage of all available revenue, and maximize the impact of this one-time federal funding.

### **Highlights of the plan include:**

#### **Housing**

- \$300 million to support expanded homeownership opportunities, focused on first-time homebuyers who are residents of disproportionately impacted municipalities;
- \$200 million to support housing production through MassHousing's Commonwealth Builder Program and similar efforts, which aim to help communities of color build wealth by promoting home ownership among residents of disproportionately impacted municipalities;
- \$200 million to fund rental housing production and provide increased housing options to workers and residents of disproportionately impacted municipalities;

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- \$300 million to finance the statewide production of senior and veteran housing. These new housing options would contain a supportive services component and would be combined with other resources including Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, rental payments, and, in the case of veteran housing, VA health care.

### Economic Development

- \$100 million for Downtown Development to concentrate economic growth activities, resources, and investments within local neighborhood areas in municipalities disproportionately impacted by COVID;
- \$250 million to support investments and regional collaboration aimed at invigorating downtowns throughout Massachusetts. These resources would provide grant funds to municipalities and other eligible public entities for a range of projects;
- \$100 million to support cultural facilities and tourism assets throughout Massachusetts;

### Workforce Development

- \$240 million to fund a suite of job training programs and address skills gaps, to better position residents who want to be hired into jobs that businesses need filled. Areas of investment include:
  - \$150 million for workforce credentials for entry and mid-level wages;
  - \$35 million to fund English for Speakers of Other Languages programs and Adult Basic Education;
  - \$25 million for work readiness and essential skills programs.

### Health Care

- \$50 million for fiscally stressed hospitals in disproportionately impacted municipalities as these hospitals have supported their communities significantly during the pandemic despite interruptions to their revenue streams;
- \$175 million for addiction treatment and related behavioral health services.

### Infrastructure Investment

- \$400 million to fund grants for water and sewer infrastructure;
- \$300 million to improve culverts, dams, and other environmental infrastructure;
- \$100 million to enhance and modernize state park facilities;
- \$100 million to close the digital divide and increase broadband internet access, helping to promote workforce development and economic growth.

### **Administration Launches New Voluntary Tool to Enhance COVID-19 Exposure Awareness:**

On Tuesday, the Administration announced the launch of MassNotify, a new free smartphone service that people in Massachusetts can voluntarily use to let others know that they may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Massachusetts remains a leader in the nation in COVID-19 vaccinations, with over 4 million residents fully vaccinated, and COVID-19 case trends continue to drop. Case counts in Massachusetts are down 99% from their peak in January, and hospitalizations are down by 93% since their peak in January.

Developed in conjunction with Apple and Google, MassNotify can be enabled on an iPhone or Android phone in seconds and provides an additional layer of awareness and safety for Massachusetts residents as the Commonwealth reopens. MassNotify alerts provide valuable awareness for both vaccinated and unvaccinated residents to help prevent future COVID



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transmission and keep Massachusetts open and residents safe from COVID-19. The technology works anonymously and does not track users or divulge personal information.

Massachusetts joins 28 other states across the U.S. and over 35 countries around the world who are utilizing similar exposure alerts to increase awareness and continued vigilance as vaccination numbers boost and re-opening resumes. MassNotify can be easily enabled on a smartphone through Settings on both Apple and Android phones. Instructions for enabling on a phone, along with more information about MassNotify, can be found at [www.mass.gov/massnotify](http://www.mass.gov/massnotify). Residents can opt in immediately.

MassNotify is safe, anonymous, secure, and voluntary. It will not collect information about who you are, where you go, or with whom you come in contact. Users can maintain privacy while utilizing a COVID-19 awareness tool to help protect themselves and their families.

### **How it Works:**

When two people using MassNotify are near each other, their phones exchange random codes using Bluetooth. These random codes are completely anonymous, with no location tracking or exchange of personal information. When a person in Massachusetts tests positive for COVID-19 they will receive a text message with instructions on how to anonymously share their test result. If they do share their result, MassNotify users who were near the person who tested positive may receive an anonymous alert on their phone about their possible exposure to COVID-19.

### **Administration Announces \$30 Million in Additional Support for Massachusetts Small Businesses:**

Wednesday, the Administration announced \$30 million in state funding across four grant programs administered by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) to help small businesses recover, grow, and thrive.

Among these investments, the Administration announced the award of \$4 million to 45 non-profit technical assistance providers to continue working with small businesses and entrepreneurs from traditionally underserved communities to grow and expand their businesses. In addition, the Administration announced \$14.7 million in awards to 15 organizations under MGCC's Community Development Financial Institution and Community Development Corporation's (CDFI and CDC) Match Grant Program, which funds both lending and mini-grant programs for small businesses.



Complementing these investments, the Administration announced the launch of two new programs with \$11.3 million available to support small businesses as they recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Biz-M-Power program and Empower Digital's Development of Digital Capabilities grant program. Wednesday's announcement was made at White Lion Brewing Company, a black-owned business that has benefited from support from Common Capital, Inc, a regional Community Development Financial Institution receiving two grants today, and that has also participated in the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Program.

This round of Small Business Technical Assistance Grant program awards represents a \$4 million commitment to qualifying non-profits that help businesses – many of which are women-, minority-, or veteran-owned

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enterprises – build operational capacity and strengthen ongoing business development activities, such as one-on-one guidance around applying for loans, building a business plan, and budgeting. Historically, MGCC’s Small Business Technical Assistance Program has focused on businesses serving low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, underserved communities, and Gateway Cities across the Commonwealth. This low-cost, high-impact program was established to increase the flow of capital into the Commonwealth’s small businesses to assist with recovery, sustainability, resiliency, and growth.

Through the CDFI and CDC Match Grant Program, MGCC will continue to support lending and mini-grant programs that lower the barriers that small businesses face in accessing essential start-up capital. These \$14.7 million in matching funds are being allocated to 15 non-profits that will administer these loan and mini-grant programs to reach small businesses in their communities.

Through a partnership with the online crowdfunding platform Patronicity, \$7.5 million in funding will be available to Biz-M-Power to assist low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs with their acquisition, expansion, improvement or lease of a facility, purchase or lease of equipment, or with meeting other capital needs of their business through matching grants. With the goal of obtaining capital through the earned support of local residents, neighborhoods, community members, and other stakeholders, applicants must be sponsored by a SBTA provider before being accepted into the program. Upon application approval, the business will utilize the crowdfunding platform to leverage community support and raise funding to match the amount requested in their grant application.

The \$3.8 million provided to Empower Digital’s Grant Program for the Development of Digital Capabilities program provides funding for the needs of small businesses seeking tools and services to develop their digital capabilities. Funds may be used to seek professional services such as website developers, copywriters, social media strategists, and graphic designers and strategic hardware/software purchases. Applicants must be sponsored by a SBTA Provider who will help them maximize the impact of the grant through their understanding of the small business landscape, familiarity with the digital needs of small businesses, and their extensive network of collaborators.

A total of \$11.3 million in funds have been appropriated for the two new programs in the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Operating Budget passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Baker. Biz-M-Power will make a total of \$7.5 million available to program participants through matching grants of up to \$20,000. A match of up to \$5,000 is being offered through the Empower Digital’s Digital Capabilities program, with a total of \$3.8 million available. The Small Business Technical Assistance Program and the CDFI and CDC Match Grant Program were also funded through the FY21 Operating Budget.

As part of the Administration’s *Partnerships for Recovery* initiative to stabilize and grow the Massachusetts economy, these programs follow the success of the largest state-sponsored business relief program in the nation that distributed \$705 million to 15,428 businesses in relief grants and loan forgiveness. MGCC loan recipients were given the opportunity to apply for forgiveness for their pandemic loans by demonstrating a significant adverse financial effect from COVID-19. Over the duration of the program, 43 percent of MGCC grants were awarded to minority-owned businesses, and 46 percent of grants went to women-owned businesses. Recovery efforts have also included MGCC Small Business

Technical Assistance grants and matching grants for Community Development Financial Institutions and Community Development Corporations; the \$1.6 million Travel and Tourism Recovery Grant Pilot Program to promote recovery in the tourism industry; a “Let’s Go Out” restaurant promotion campaign; and a \$9.5 million effort underway to help 125 communities pursue locally-driven, actionable strategies to support downtown and commercial districts through the Local Rapid Recovery Planning program.

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## *Important Updates*

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

- DPH issued the following guidance:
  - [Updated Guidance on Use and Allowable Wastage of COVID-19 Vaccine.](#)
  - [COVID-19 Guidance for Health Care Providers.](#)
  - [Guidance](#) to implement the DPH Order authorizing additional individuals to vaccinate.
  - [Temporary Laboratory License for CLIA-waived COVID-19 Testing and Clinical Laboratory Alternate Sites.](#)
  - [Handwashing/Sanitizer Guidance for Schools and Limited Waiver of 105 CMR 210.000 Related to Sanitizer.](#)
  - [Updated Hospital Visitation Guidance.](#)
  - [Updated Guidance Regarding Implementation of Alternative Acute Care Space.](#)
  - [Guidance for Hospital Space for COVID-19 Testing, Treatment and Vaccine Administration.](#)
  - [Guidance for Clinic Space for COVID-19 Testing, Treatment and Vaccine Administration.](#)
  - [Updated Guidance for Implementing Order of the Commissioner of the Public Health Regarding Control of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities.](#)
  - [Updated Guidance on Visitation Conditions, Communal Dining, and Congregate Activities in Long-Term Care Facilities during the COVID-19 Outbreak.](#)
  
- The DPH Epidemiology Line handled 108 COVID-19 calls and 144 non-COVID-19 calls for a total of 252 calls from 6/7 through 6/13. Non-COVID calls outnumbered COVID calls last week.
- [RFR for Local Health Support for COVID-19 Case Investigation and Contact Tracing](#)
- As of 6/15, the [Academic Public Health Volunteer Corps](#) (APHVC) has 310 volunteers supporting 36 local boards of health.
- MA211 received 3,521 calls from Monday 5/31 through Sunday 6/6 for a new total of 314,911.
- All HMCC Regions remain at Tier 1 status, in accordance with the [DPH COVID-19 Resurgence Planning and Response Guidance for Acute Care Hospitals.](#)
- 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. 4 individuals are currently housed in the program.
  - Top 5 referring cities:
    - Boston (471)
    - Worcester (201)
    - Springfield (197)
    - Quincy (130)
    - Brockton (124)
  - To date, a total of 2,514 residents have been placed in these hotels for safe isolation and recovery.

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Community Food Box Program Update 6/10-6/17:

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. While requests from communities for food boxes have decreased in recent months as active cases have declined, and a grocery card option became available for individuals in isolation and quarantine, MEMA’s State Logistics Warehouse will continue distributing its remaining food box inventory until it is depleted. Ongoing 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).

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
2,292	455	3

Grocery Card Distribution Program Update 6/10-6/17:

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.

**No grocery cards were distributed between 6/10 and 6/17.**

Logistics (including Personal Protective Equipment and Supplies)

- 21 orders prepared for pickup or delivery from the MEMA State Logistics Warehouse from 6/11-6/17.
  - As part of these orders, MDPH Community Health Centers are being supported.
- MDPH coordinated 17 deliveries to healthcare entities on Tuesday (6/8) (3 PPE, 1 testing supply, 1 surplus, 46 BinaxNOW At-Home Kits, 133 BinaxNOW kits); 6 deliveries on Thursday (6/10) (12 BinaxNOW At-Home Kits, 37 BinaxNOW); and 5 deliveries on Friday (6/11) (21 BinaxNOW, 4 BinaxNOW At-Home Kits).

**FEMA Funeral Assistance as of 6/16/21:**

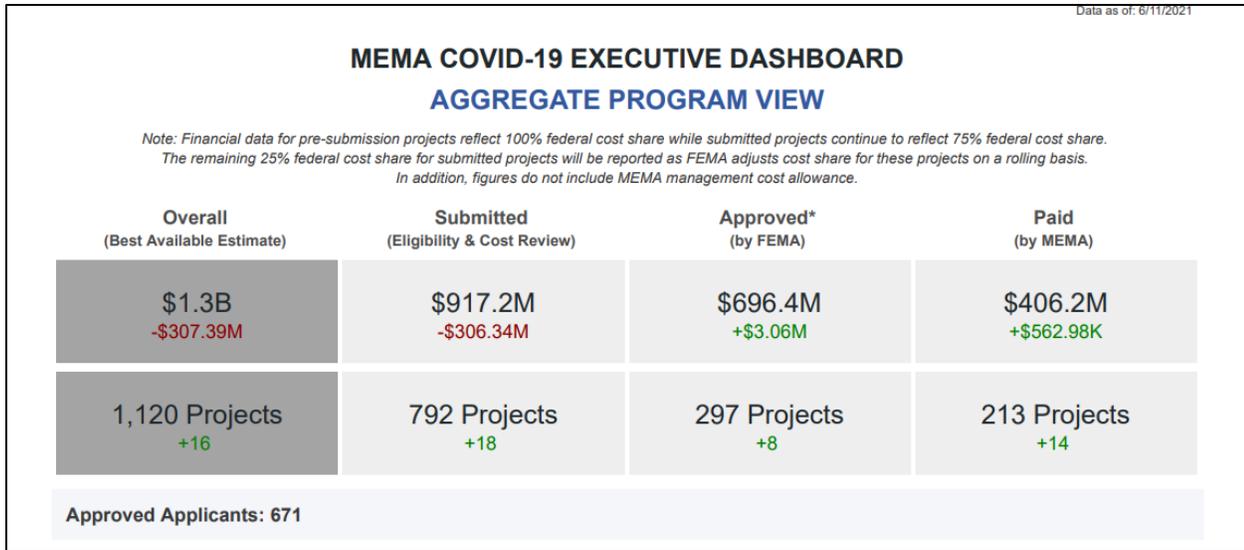
FEMA began processing applications for funeral assistance starting on April 12<sup>th</sup> ([learn more here](#)).

State	Registrations	In Process	Eligible	Award Amount	Withdrawn	Ineligible
MA	4,711	3,831	855	\$6,108,980.32	0	25

**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:

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- FEMA RPA Requests: 683 (+ 6)
- Technical Assistant Requests: 529
- Conducted FEMA Public Assistance presentation on 6/16 for the Massachusetts Municipal Auditors’ and Accountants’ Association (MMAAA). The presentation materials will be made available on the MEMA website.
- Working with FEMA Region 1 partners to ensure all applicants identify COVID-19 damages within the regulatory timeframes.
- The MEMA Public Assistance Summer Webinar Series continues 6/24 with a presentation on procurement guidelines. Registration links will be available on the MEMA website by the end of the week ([here](#)).
- New project obligations (29): \$3,991,126.20

## Communications Resources

### **New Animated Video - No ID or Insurance Needed**

Use this video to spread the word. Flyers can also be downloaded from [mass.gov](http://mass.gov) and posters can be ordered at the [Public Health Clearinghouse](http://Public Health Clearinghouse) at no cost.



### **New Editable COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Flyer**

[Download](#) and customize this flyer to promote a vaccination clinic.

### **New Get Vaccinated at Market Basket!**

Anyone getting the COVID-19 vaccine at a Market Basket mobile clinic in Chelsea, Fall River, Lawrence, Lynn, and Revere will receive a \$25 gift card. Other cities being added. Walk-ins are welcome, and no appointment, ID, or insurance is necessary. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/3uJZmcn>.



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## Highlights from the Vaccine Equity Initiative

Visit [COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Initiative Communities](#) to see what's happening. This week, the North American Indian Center of Boston held a mobile vaccine clinic in Jamaica Plain with the Native American Lifelines Title 5 Urban Indian Health Services and DPH.



## 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](http://mass.gov/vaccinesforYouth).
- Youth age 12 and above may be preregistered at <http://VaccineSignup.mass.gov>.
- Download our [youth-related graphics](#) for your messaging.

**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](http://mass.gov) and posters can be ordered from the [Public Health Clearinghouse](#) at no cost.



## 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.

## Materials for refugees, immigrants, and migrants

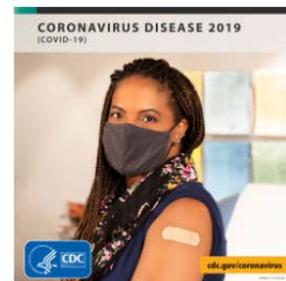
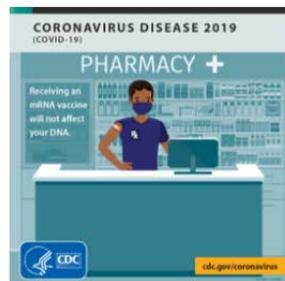
The National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants (NRC-RIM), funded by the CDC, has free, customizable, and translated campaigns for anyone to use. Materials are in 30+ languages that are representative of refugee populations living in Massachusetts. Visit [Stop COVID-19 – Vaccine education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

## New CDC Social Media Toolkit

[CDC's Social Media Toolkit](#) includes digital resources and sample messages for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Topics include:

- About the COVID-19 vaccines
- Benefits, safety, and effectiveness
- What to expect after vaccination



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## *Resources*

### **Request a Mobile Vaccination Clinic**

The Administration has launched a [web page](#) where organizations can request a mobile, on-site, vaccination clinic. A vaccination provider will come to the organization's host-property to vaccinate individuals. If Moderna or Pfizer vaccine is administered, the vaccination provider will return 3-4 weeks later to deliver 2<sup>nd</sup> doses. Organizations are encouraged to survey individuals and confirm participation prior to requesting a clinic.

### **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.

### **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:

- 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

**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.

## *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

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## *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](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/plasma4covid) to learn more. To donate blood visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)