

# Massachusetts COVID-19 deaths 25% higher than California's

Why does Massachusetts have 25% more COVID-19 related deaths than California, a state with nearly 6 times the population? **California officials credit early social distancing with making a major difference.** As of Wednesday, Massachusetts reached 1,108 COVID-19 related deaths compared to California's 889. The statistics are similar to total cases, California has 27,250 confirmed COVID-19 cases compared to 32,181 in Massachusetts. California has 40 million people compared to 6.9 million in Massachusetts.

## Massachusetts Coronavirus Update

On April 16, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 2,263 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 32,181. This is a increase from Wednesday's 1,755 reported cases. 137 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported since yesterday, down from 151, bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 1,245.

As of 4 pm today, 140,773 people in Massachusetts have been tested for COVID-19 – 8,750 in the past 24 hours compared to the previous day's total of 5,472.

## New Bedford Coronavirus Update



Mayor Jon Mitchell's office reported one more COVID-19 related death and 11 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in New Bedford Thursday afternoon, bringing the total positive cases in the city to 174, **up from 163 yesterday.** The total COVID-19 related deaths in New Bedford is now at eight. Mayor Mitchell reported **four new COVID-19 related death on Tuesday.**

## **Fall River Coronavirus Update**

Fall River reported an additional 17 confirmed cases of COVID-19. According to Mayor Coogan, there are now 182 confirmed cases in Fall River with two more fatalities. 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](#)**.