

Massachusetts COVID-19 related deaths drop 29% from Sunday

Massachusetts Coronavirus Update

On April 20, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 1,566 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 39,643. This is a decrease from Sunday's 1,705 reported cases. 103 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported since yesterday, down from 146, bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 1,809. As of 4 pm today, 169,398 people in Massachusetts have been tested for COVID-19.



Governor Charlie Baker signed a housing security bill on Monday to put a pause on evictions and foreclosures until after the coronavirus pandemic abates, finalizing an effort that took weeks for the Legislature to negotiate. Full details [here](#).

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Sunday that his state has already identified 400 ventilators that it could send to Massachusetts. Full details [here](#).

New Bedford Coronavirus Update

Today, Mayor Jon Mitchell reported that the City of New Bedford's COVID-19 count was more than 33% higher than the Massachusetts Department of Health count for New Bedford. As of today, the **State reported 188 cases**, but Mayor Mithcell reports the City's Health Department counted "more than 250 cases." Here's Mayor Mitchell's statement [here](#).

New Bedford's Annual Cape Verdean Recognition Parade has been canceled. This year's parade would have been the 48th year.

Full details **here**.

Fall River Coronavirus Update

Fall River has seen 5 more confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. According to Mayor Coogan, the city has seen 184 total positive cases. Full details **here**.