Massachusetts officials report 208 COVID-19 related deaths Wednesday

Massachusetts officials today reported 208 COVID-19 related deaths — the second highest one-day total yet (based on initial reports). **On April 22, health officials reported 221 deaths**, but that number has since been revised to less than 200. Here's the current official chart:

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Massachusetts Coronavirus Update

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On May 6, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 1,754 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 72,025. This is an increase from Tuesday's 1,184 reported cases.

208 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported on Wednesday bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 4,420. As of 4 pm today, 339,639 people in Massachusetts have been tested for COVID-19 - 6,290 new tests since yesterday.

As of May 5, 32,019 individuals in Massachusetts were subject to quarantine with 22,148 no longer in quarantine. 9,871 individuals are undergoing monitoring/under quarantine.

Key indicators about the COVID-19 outbreak in Massachusetts have for the first time moved in an encouraging direction for several days straight, Gov. Charlie Baker said Tuesday, but as other states are opening up economic activity, officials here still want to see at least two weeks of steady progress. Full details **here**. State tax collections tumbled in April by more than \$2.3 billion compared to last April, another sign of the damage inflicted on the economy and the state's finances by forced business shutdowns aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19. Full details **here**.

A Massachusetts Senate committee will investigate an incident at the Bristol County House of Correction, while Gov. Charlie Baker cautioned against "drawing conclusions" about the violent altercation. Full details **here**.

New Bedford Coronavirus Update

New Bedford has seen four new COVID-19 related deaths since Saturday bringing the total to 23.

Mayor Jon Mitchell's office reported 60 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in New Bedford on Tuesday, bringing the total positive cases in the city to 878, **up from 818 on Tuesday**. One additional COVID-19 related death was also reported today bringing the total to 23 in the city.

Fall River Coronavirus Update

26 additional cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Fall River, according to the Mayor's Office. This brings the total in Fall River to 655. Full details **here**.