

Massachusetts officials report 2,221 new COVID-19 cases, 159 new deaths

Massachusetts Coronavirus Update

On April 17, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 2,221 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 34,402. This is a decrease from Thursday's 2,263 reported cases. 159 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported since yesterday, up from 137, bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 1,404.

As of 4 pm today, 148,744 people in Massachusetts have been tested for COVID-19 – 7,971 in the past 24 hours compared to the previous day's total of 8,750.



The Baker-Polito Administration today announced the distribution of approximately 200,000 respirator masks for all local law enforcement officers and firefighters to ensure they have the protective equipment during the COVID-19 crisis. Full details **here**.

New Bedford Coronavirus Update

Mayor Jon Mitchell's office reported six additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in New Bedford Thursday afternoon, bringing the total positive cases in the city to 180, **up from 174 yesterday**. The total COVID-19 related deaths in New Bedford is now at eight. Mayor Mitchell reported **one new COVID-19 related death on Thursday**. No further information on the death is available.

Due to Patriots' Day, Monday, April 20, there will be no residential trash and recycling collection on Monday, April 20 in New Bedford. Full details **here**.

Fall River Coronavirus Update

According to Mayor Coogan, the City of Fall River is down 4 positive cases from yesterday making the total identified number of cases of COVID-19 in Fall River 178. 82 individuals have recovered. 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**.