Massachusetts reports 13,989 COVID-19 tests – second highest daily total

Massachusetts Coronavirus Update

On May 1, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 2,106 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 64,311. This is an increase from Thursday's 1,940 reported cases.

154 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported on Friday bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 3,716. As of 4 pm today, 289,636 people in Massachusetts have been tested for COVID-19 – 13,989 new tests since yesterday, the second highest total since April 23 when the state tested 14,614.

The Baker-Polito Administration today issued an order requiring the use of masks or face coverings in public places where they cannot socially distance from others. The Administration also announced expanded community health center COVID-19 testing capacity at centers throughout the Commonwealth. Full details **here**.

New Bedford Coronavirus Update

Mayor Jon Mitchell's office Friday reported 27 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in New Bedford, bringing the total positive cases in the city to 625, **up from 598 on Thursday**. Three additional COVID-19 related deaths were reported today raising the total to 19 in the city.

The Port of New Bedford has partnered with Southcoast Health

to pilot targeted COVID-19 testing for workers in the commercial fishing industry and others, beginning with commercial fishermen on the New Bedford waterfront Friday. Full details **here**.

The Greater New Bedford Community Health Center will expand its COVID-19 testing capability by establishing an outdoor testing location at its downtown health center. Full details **here**.

Fall River Coronavirus Update

24 additional cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Fall River. This brings the total in Fall River to 533. The City has been notified of its seventh fatality due to COVID-19. Full details **here**.