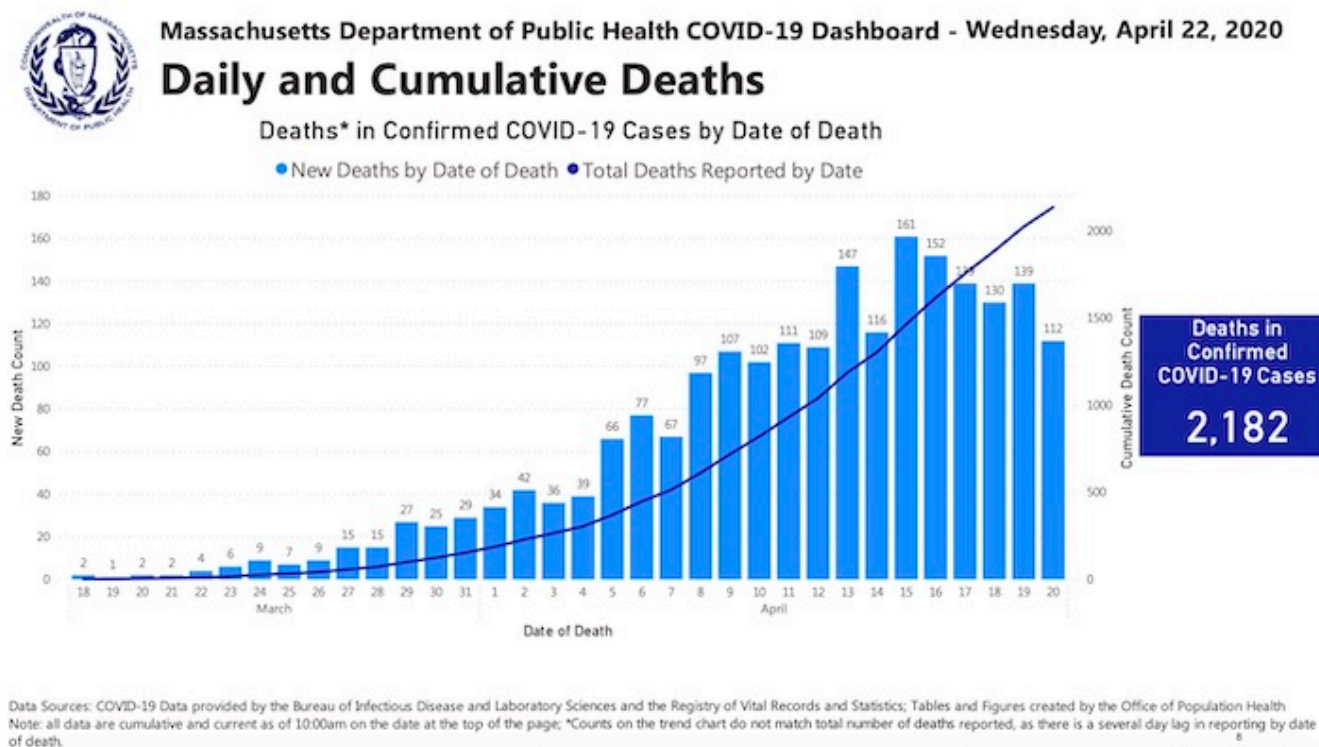


Massachusetts reports 221 COVID-19 related deaths, highest one day total yet

Massachusetts Coronavirus Update

On April 22, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 1,745 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 41,199. This is an increase from Tuesday's 1,556 reported cases and is the first increase after five days of decreases. 221 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported since yesterday, up from 152, bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 2,182. 221 is the highest single-day death total in Massachusetts yet, topping 161 deaths on April 15.

As of 4 pm today, 180,462 people in Massachusetts have been tested for COVID-19.



Massachusetts school buildings will remain closed to students

for the rest of this school year, Gov. Charlie Baker announced Tuesday, a dramatic step aimed at preventing a rebound in COVID-19 transmission once the state emerges from the worst of the outbreak. Full details [here](#).

The Massachusetts Division of Banks (DOB) has joined a multi-state initiative to secure payment relief options for Massachusetts student loan borrowers and issued a Consumer Advisory with important information and resources for private student loan borrowers. Full details [here](#).

New Bedford Coronavirus Update

Mayor Jon Mitchell's office reported 61 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in New Bedford Wednesday morning, bringing the total positive cases in the city to 339, **up from 278 on Tuesday**. On Monday, Mayor 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. Full statement [here](#).

New Bedford added one more COVID-19 related death on Tuesday bringing the total to 10. No specific details (age, sex of the patient, etc) is available.

Sadly, Teresa Maria Raposo Cordeiro, New Bedford Police Chief Joeseoph Cordeiro's mom, passed away on Saturday to COVID-19. She was 84 years old. Full details [here](#).

New Bedford's Zeiterion stage will be dark through August 2. Full details [here](#).

While New Bedford's **Cape Verdean Recognition Parade** and **Memorial Day parade** have been canceled, and **Fall River's Day of Portugal has been postponed**, the **2020 Feast of the Blessed Sacrament** in New Bedford is still moving forward as planned. This year's festival is scheduled for July 30-31 and August 1-2. Full details [here](#).

New Bedford's 2020 Memorial Day parade, scheduled for Monday, May 25, has been canceled due to social distancing measures in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Full details **here**.

Fall River Coronavirus Update

Due to similar lab reporting issues that other cities and towns have encountered, the City of Fall River now has 267 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, with 124 cases that have cleared isolation. The Fall River Health Department is in contact with the individuals who have tested positive as well as their contacts. These individuals are in isolation and quarantine.