Massachusetts reports record 252 COVID-19 related deaths on Wednesday

Massachusetts Coronavirus Update

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On April 29, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 1,963 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 60,265. This is an increase from Tuesday's 1,840 reported cases.

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252 new COVID-19 related deaths were reported on Wednesday bringing the total deaths in Massachusetts to 3,405. As of 4 pm today, 265,618 people in Massachusetts have been tested for COVID-19 — 11,118 new tests since yesterday.

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The Supreme Judicial Court on Tuesday urged the Baker administration to consider how it could commute sentences, furlough prisoners or allow early parole to "mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth's prison system," but denied a request from defense attorneys to stay the sentences of non-violent offenders and those nearing the end of prison terms. Full details here.

New Bedford Coronavirus Update

Mayor Jon Mitchell's office Wednesday reported 46 additional confirmed COVID-19 cases in New Bedford, bringing the total positive cases in the city to 581, **up from 535 on Monday**. One more COVID-19 related death was reported today and two on Tuesday bringing the total to 16 in the city.

The City of New Bedford will distribute more than 50,000 masks manufactured at Joseph Abboud Manufacturing Corporation in the City's North End to New Bedford's vulnerable populations and frontline workers to protect against the spread of COVID-19. Full details **here**.

Fall River Coronavirus Update

36 additional cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Fall River, according to Mayor Coogan. This brings the total in Fall River to 484. The City has been notified of its fifth fatality due to COVID-19. Full details **here**.