

New Bedford reports 31 total cases of COVID-19, up 4 cases since Monday

According to the New Bedford Mayor's office, New Bedford has a total of 31 positive cases of COVID-19 as of 10:30 am on Tuesday, March 31. This is an increase of 4 **since Monday** when 27 total were reported. The sharp increase this week is mostly due to a spike in testing.

According to Fall River Mayor Paul Coogan on Monday, **Fall River now has 20 confirmed cases of COVID-19, up 8 from on Sunday**. Bristol County is now up to 263 confirmed cases.

Governor Baker has stated on Monday that a surge in coronavirus cases could start to hit Massachusetts between April 7 and April 17, stressing the importance of taking steps to prepare additional health care capacity.

As of 4 pm on Monday, **the Massachusetts Department of Health statistics show a rise in total COVID-19 cases to 5,752 with 54 total deaths**. 42,793 people total have been tested.

