New Bedford reports three more COVID-19 related deaths, total reached 19

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 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**.

New Bedford Solid Waste Transfer Station open extended hours for bulky items and yard waste through May 18. Full details **here**.

On April 30, the Massachusetts Public Health Department reported that the state added 1,940 more positive cases of COVID-19 bringing to total to 62,205. This is a decrease from Wednesday's 1,963 reported cases. Full details **here**.

Nearly 900,000 Massachusetts workers, representing almost a quarter of the state's entire labor force, have filed new claims for unemployment benefits since mid-March as the COVID-19 pandemic and the widespread shutdowns it prompted continue to exert an economic toll. Full details **here**.

Three Bristol County security staff members recently tested positive for COVID-19. Full details **here**.

5 additional cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Fall River, according to Mayor Coogan. This brings the total in Fall River to 509. Full details **here**.

Rhode Island's nurses and doctors are rejoicing after Governor Raimondo secured 500,000 medical gowns from Fall River's Merrow Sewing Machine Company. In a press conference on Tuesday, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo thanked Merrow Sewing Machine Company owners and brothers Charlie and Owen Merrow personally. Full details **here**.