

May 20, 2020

Easthampton Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation Awareness Report

**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL –
Thursday 5/21 at 10am:**

Guest – Public Health
Agent Bri Eichstaedt
Host - Mayor LaChapelle
Moderator - Jenn Ramsay
Executive Director
Easthampton Media

Information on meeting
access can be found on the
Easthampton Media
Facebook page.

Watch live on Charter
Channel 193 or streaming
on [YouTube](#)

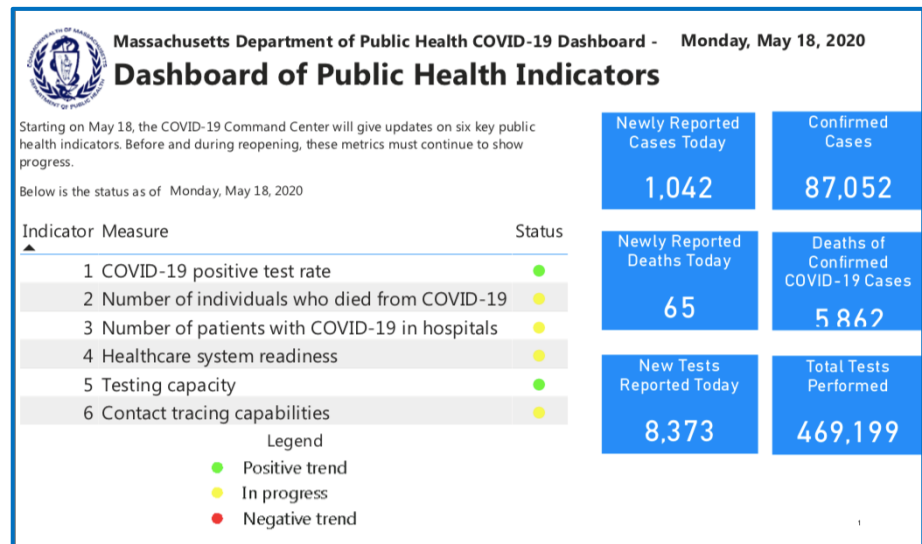
CALL: 211 for MA
coronavirus information,
resources & SafeLink

TEXT: COVIDMA to 888-
777 to get coronavirus
updates in English;
COVIDMAESP for
updates in Spanish

Baker-Polito Administration: On May 18th, the Baker-Polito administration released information on the four phase Reopening Plan for Massachusetts. Currently, only plans for Phase I have been released in detail. There will be a minimum of three weeks between each phase. It is important to note **if public health data trends are negative**, specific industries, regions, and/or the entire Commonwealth may need to return to an earlier phase.

Reopening Fact Sheet: With the amount of new information coming out, the Easthampton Health Department has created a fact sheet to help condense everything. Please visit the link below to learn more.

https://easthamptonma.gov/images/Re-Opening_Fact_Sheet.pdf



Public Health Indicators: The Department of Public Health (DPH) will be releasing updates on public health indicators, shown in the photo above. In the legend, you can see the green, yellow, and red colors are reflective of the status of each of the six indicators. The graph above was released on Monday, May 18th. The full slide deck of the latest graphs and data released by the DPH can be found [HERE](#).

The DPH will continue to update City/Town confirmed case numbers every Wednesday by 4pm. Please click [HERE](#) to see the latest numbers as of today, May 20, 2020.

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<p>The latest news on Massachusetts COVID-19 Cases and Testing can be found here: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting</p> <hr/> <p>All Easthampton public buildings remain closed. Working remotely, staff are monitoring voice mail and email, prioritizing pandemic related matters. Many staff are working a limited schedule. Thank you for your patience.</p> <hr/>	<p>ECA Artist Grant Deadline: Reminder – the deadline to apply for Phase I of the Easthampton City Arts Artist Grants Initiative is this Friday, May 22nd. Announced May 8th, the program will issue 16 grants at \$300 each in exchange for arts and cultural events, workshops, etc. For more information, please visit the ECA website or click HERE.</p> <p>A Go Fund Me has been created to raise additional funds. For each additional \$300 raised, one more artist can receive funds through the program. <i>All funds raised by this campaign will be matched by River Valley Co-op, up to \$5,000.</i> The Go Fund Me can be found here: https://www.gofundme.com/f/easthampton-city-arts-artist-grants</p> <p>Test Site Locator: MEMA has launched an online, interactive map to help show available testing locations throughout Massachusetts. The site gives detailed information on how to contact and the location of the service. To view the map, click HERE.</p> <p>MA Girls – What’s your Status? The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women will be holding events for women of all ages over the next two weeks. The one-hour long sessions are a great opportunity to share thoughts, opinions, and experiences regarding the ongoing public health crisis. The event began on May 19th and ends on May 28th. Please click HERE to see the full schedule of events and/or to register.</p> <p>Small Business Administration: The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. This program resumed taking applications on April 27th. Frequently asked questions regarding the PPP loan can be found here: https://www.sba.gov/document/support-faq-lenders-borrowers</p> <p>Announced May 15, 2020, the Loan Forgiveness Application was opened. The application to apply for forgiveness can be found online here: https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/3245-0407-SBA-Form-3508-PPP-Forgiveness-Application.pdf</p>