

May 22, 2020

Easthampton Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation Awareness Report

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL – Thursday 5/28 at 10am:

Guest – Chamber of
Commerce Director Moe
Belliveau

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

Reopening Plan: 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. **Reminder** – on Monday, May 25th, some businesses will be allowed to resume operations as a part of Phase I of the reopening plan. Businesses will be operating under strict guidance from the state. The full reopening plan can be viewed [HERE](#).

While numbers are decreasing, 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. Numbers are updated throughout the week, including 6 public health indicators. Today’s dashboard can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/reopening-massachusetts-may-18-2020/download>.



Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard - Friday, May 22, 2020

Dashboard of Public Health Indicators

Starting on May 18, the COVID-19 Command Center will give updates on six key public health indicators. Before and during reopening, these metrics must continue to show progress.

Below is the status as of 5/18/2020. Status will be updated weekly or as metrics indicate.

Indicator Measure	Status
1 COVID-19 positive test rate	●
2 Number of individuals who died from COVID-19	●
3 Number of patients with COVID-19 in hospitals	●
4 Healthcare system readiness	●
5 Testing capacity	●
6 Contact tracing capabilities	●

Legend

- Positive trend
- In progress
- Negative trend

Newly Reported Cases Today	Confirmed Cases
805	90,889
Newly Reported Deaths Today	Deaths of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases
80	6,228
New Tests Reported Today	Total Tests Performed
10,158	511,644

Microenterprise Assistance Funding: The City of Easthampton is working with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission on an application for a competitive grant to assist small businesses affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. In order to succeed, small business owners are asked to demonstrate that there is a level of interest/need in Easthampton. Small business owners are asked to take the following survey: <https://forms.gle/oeLpzefx7VZUBSVFA>.

Further information can be found on the Planning department’s section of the City website, or by clicking [HERE](#).

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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>HOTLINE SERVICES: The Safe Passage hotline is currently available Monday through Friday from 11am to 7pm. Call 413-586-5066 or toll-free at 888-345-5282 to talk to a trained advocate.</p> <p>In Massachusetts, SAFELINK's bilingual advocates are available 24/7 at 877-785-2020 to provide information about shelter availability and referrals to local programs.</p> <p>The National Domestic Violence Hotline is available 24 hours a day at 800-799-7233. And because it may not be safe to make a voice call, you can also find their webchat option at www.thehotline.org.</p> <p>Further information on Safe Passage's efforts during the ongoing public health crisis, please visit: https://safepass.org/covid-19-updates/</p> <p>High School Virtual Commencement: On Tuesday, June 9th, at 7:30pm Governor Baker will deliver a commencement address to graduating seniors. The broadcast will be available on WGBH 2 in Greater Boston, and on its partner station WGBY/New England Public Media in Western Massachusetts. The address will be streamed on the WGBH and WGBY websites and across their social media platforms.</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>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>