

Situational Report

Cape Cod Reopening Task Force

COVID-19 Updates

June 25, 2020

The **Cape Cod Reopening Task Force** is a region-wide task force assembled in spring 2020 to develop strategies for reopening Cape Cod once it is safe to do so. The Cape Cod Reopening Task Force is led by the Cape & Islands Legislative Delegation, the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, and Barnstable County, with participation from healthcare providers, municipal officials, first responders, community leaders, and other stakeholders.

Morbidity/Mortality Data in Massachusetts and Barnstable County

- See COVID-19 case number and figures for **Barnstable County** at https://bit.ly/BC_COVID-19_data
- COVID-19 Cases in MA
 - 107,837 total confirmed cases, 7,963 COVID-19 attributed deaths (*dashboard attached*)
- There are a little under 1,000 Massachusetts residents hospitalized for COVID-19. The hospitalization rate has fallen to below 1% and continues to trend downward.

Latest Guidance from State Government

- The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released guidance for school districts on fall reopening. To successfully reopen, educators must develop three models for education delivery, to account for policy changes that may result from public health indicators:
 - Full remote learning
 - Full in-person learning
 - Hybrid, partially in-person and partially remote learning

Actions Taken to Date

The Cape Cod Reopening Task Force convened in late April and meets twice a week. The Task Force has completed the following since our last situational report:

- Updated <http://reopeningcapecod.org/> to provide more outlets for the public to voice concerns to relevant agencies, such as local boards of health and the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.
- Developed and distributed uniform signage for businesses and municipalities to help them meet state minimum safety standards for distancing, sanitization, face coverings, and other workplace precautions

- Hosted press availability with childcare stakeholders represented on the Task Force to discuss the impacts to the industry and the reopening process.

Next Action Steps for the Task Force

- Advocate for early release of guidance prior to the start of reopening Phase 3, which will include fitness centers, movie theatres, indoor recreation, and night camps.
- Continue to advocate for state approval on Barnstable County's application for test kits and materials to launch a mobile testing program across Cape Cod.

Submit Comments

The public is invited to submit comments to the Task Force. Comments will be reviewed and taken into consideration as the Task Force develops a reopening plan. Comments can be submitted online at <https://www.reopeningcapecod.org/submit-a-comment-2>. There are four entities accepting comment;

- Region-specific concerns should be submitted to the Reopening Task Force
- Statewide concerns should be submitted to the Governor's office
- Concerns about mask orders and public health guidance should be submitted to Local Boards of Health
- Concerns about workplace safety or preparations should be submitted to the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

Attachments

- [MA Department of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard – Thursday, June 25, 2020](#)