

Situational Report

Cape Cod Reopening Task Force

COVID-19 Updates

June 30, 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
 - 108,882 total confirmed cases, 8,054 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.
- Today was the first day that the Department of Public Health reported 0 COVID-19 attributed deaths since March 20
- Due to ongoing data cleaning efforts, which remove duplicate cases and deaths, the Department of Public Health corrected its reported deaths, reducing the ultimate number from previous days.

Latest Guidance from State Government

- The Administration has [relaxed quarantine restrictions](#) on travelers for all New England States, New York, and New Jersey. Travelers from other states are still urged to self-quarantine for 14 days.
 - Individuals displaying symptoms are still instructed not to travel to Massachusetts.
- The Administration has received [\\$20 million in funding from the federal CARES Act](#) to provide rental and mortgage relief to families
 - Beginning July 1, families can apply for relief through the eleven regional authorities that administer RAFT on the state's behalf.

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:

- Solicited, arranged, and [received](#) a donation of 15,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from TECO-Boston to contribute to Barnstable County's PPE stockpile.
- 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

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.
- Hold press availability to discuss ongoing efforts to enforce public health guidance during the July 4th weekend.
- Update guidance for seasonal visitors to reflect new quarantine advisory from the Baker-Polito administration

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 – Tuesday, June 30, 2020](#)