



August 11, 2020

Greetings, Auburn Residents, Businesses and Community Members:

Today, the Baker-Polito Administration released additional data on the community level spread of COVID-19 and announced additional targeted resources and community specific strategies to stop the spread of the virus. Under a new system of designating communities based on the average daily cases per 100,000 residents, each city and town will be designated as red (higher risk), yellow (moderate risk), or green and white (lower risk). Based on our recent number of cases (9 last week, 2 the previous week), Auburn is in the yellow (moderate risk) tier.

The color tiers represent:

White: Less than five reported cases

Green: Less than four cases per 100,000

Yellow: Four to eight cases per 100,000

Red: More than eight cases per 100,000

As of last Wednesday's case count, Auburn's data shows 5 cases per 100,000. While these numbers will change as daily case counts fluctuate, Auburn is currently designated as a moderate risk.

We want to assure the public that the Board of Health has been closely monitoring all cases and continues to work with the State Department of Public Health and other partners to trace and monitor all cases here in Auburn. The rise in cases last week was not due to a specific incident in one location, but the majority of those cases were from members of two unrelated households.

The Baker-Polito Administration reached out to Auburn town officials – as well as officials in every red and yellow community - to offer any assistance that we may need through their new cross-agency COVID Enforcement and Intervention Team as we continue our battle against Covid-19. The State's goal is to educate, provide outreach and change behaviors in order to defeat Covid-19 in Massachusetts.

We appreciate the assistance and support from State officials as we continue to educate the public on precautionary measures and the latest Governor's Orders. This global pandemic has resulted in policies, procedures, guidelines and orders that change as scientific data changes and evolves. We urge residents and businesses to remain vigilant, follow State and CDC guidelines and take all measures to protect themselves and their families.

Thank you.

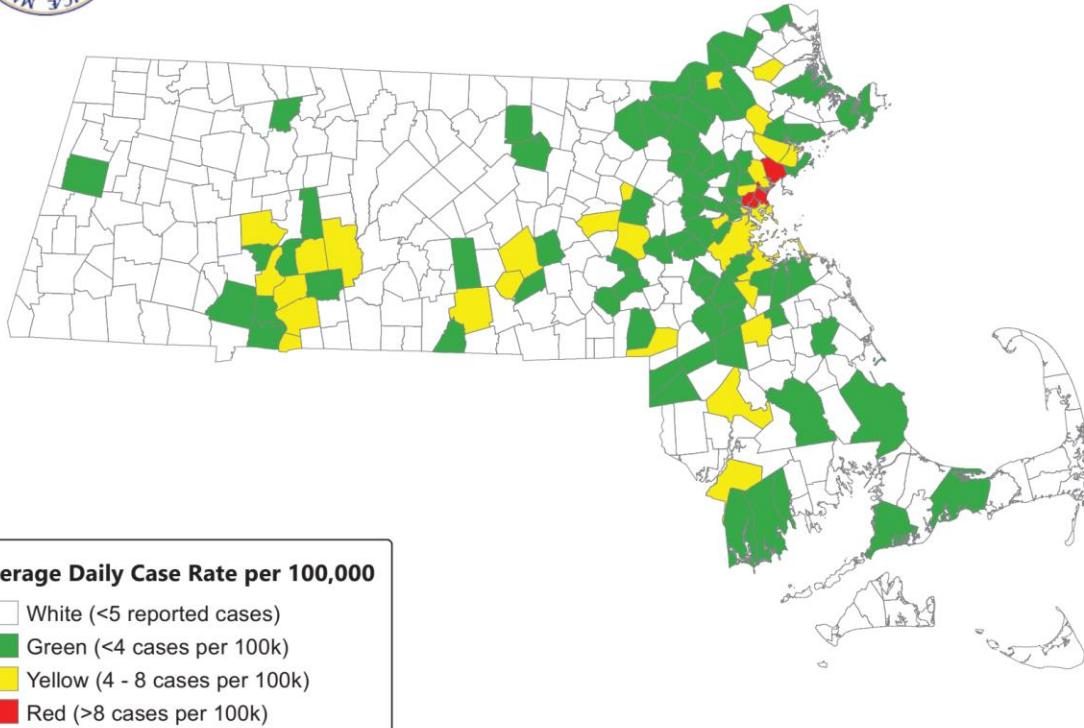
Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie A. Jacobson".

Julie A. Jacobson
Town Manager



Average Daily Case Rate (per 100,000) for COVID-19 in MA by City/Town Over Last Two Weeks 7/22/2020 - 8/5/2020



Read the Governor's press release below:

BOSTON — Today, the Baker-Polito Administration released additional data on community level spread of COVID-19 in order to target additional resources and implement community specific strategies to stop the spread of the virus.

Last week, Governor Charlie Baker announced a new set of initiatives aimed at stopping the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts, especially in higher risk communities that have seen a recent uptick in cases. While Massachusetts has seen an overall decrease in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations since May, there has been a slight uptick in certain communities in recent days.

The Administration today released data on the average daily cases per 100,000 residents, average percent positivity, and positive tests, for all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns over the last two weeks.

Based on the average daily cases per 100,000 residents, each city or town has been designated as a higher risk, moderate risk, or lower risk community. Going forward, this information will be

updated and included in the Department of Public Health's weekly public health dashboard, which is published each Wednesday.

[Click here to view a map with these designations by community.](#)

Any city or town designated higher risk is considered to have a high level of COVID infection, and will receive additional support from the Commonwealth to address the spread of the virus.

Last week, Governor Baker announced a targeted cross-agency COVID Enforcement and Intervention Team that will be responsible for ramping up enforcement statewide and coordinating intervention efforts at the local level in these higher risk COVID-19 communities.

Member agencies include the Executive Office and Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), who will serve as coordinators of the team, the Command Center, the Massachusetts State Police (MSP), the Department of Labor Standards (DLS), the Division of Professional Licensure (DPL), the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Division of Local Services (DLS), the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) and the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS).

Statewide Enforcement and Intervention supports will include:

- Targeted interventions and inspections by a range of member agencies, including Local Services, Labor Standards, DPH, MSP and ABCC, coordinated by EOPSS and MEMA.
- Increased enforcement, including fines, of sector guidance for businesses to ensure businesses and residents are aware of and following COVID-19 orders.
- Cease and desist orders as necessary for businesses and organizations in violation of the COVID-19 orders.
- Support for ABCC and local licensing boards in exercising their existing authority to fine restaurants or suspend or cancel liquor licenses when restaurants do not comply with required COVID-19 safety measure or sanitation codes.
- Targeted public messaging to alert residents of higher risk COVID communities (road signs, PSAs, reverse 911, etc.).
- Technical support to local government officials to support enhanced local COVID-19 prevention efforts such as assistance in accessing CARES Act funding.
- Potential restrictions or shutdowns for parks, playgrounds, businesses or other entities and locations believed to be contributing to the COVID-19 spread in higher risk COVID-19 communities.
- Additional public health support such as testing, tracing and quarantining.

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