

Norfolk County-8 Coalition

MDPH/LBOH Webinar 7/13/2021



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- Anne Gilligan, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Cheryl Sbarra, Massachusetts Association of Health Boards
- Chief Edward Dunne, Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association
- Jeff Farnsworth, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
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Announcements

CTC: Will continue to scale back according to need. Planning on ending services by early September. Throughout the summer. If towns are looking to hire staff, and you're looking to hire contact tracers, please reach out to your local health liaison and they can share information with their departing staff.

In-home vaccination program: In addition to the in-home vaccination efforts by the municipalities and statewide program, vaccines were also delivered in-home by some medical providers, mobile vaccination efforts, health plans, home health agencies, senior housing vaccination programs, and other that reached people in their home. Therefore, the program reporting reflected in this presentation only represents a portion of in-home vaccinations.

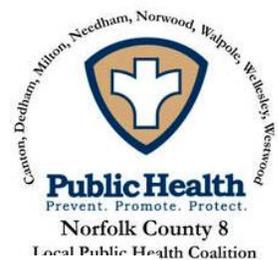
Total Program In-Home Vaccinations Top 20 Prioritized Communities

Equity communities were served by several additional targeted vaccination efforts including mobile vaccination teams that were not the "in-home" vaccination program; hence these numbers may not reflect all door-to-door vaccine efforts.

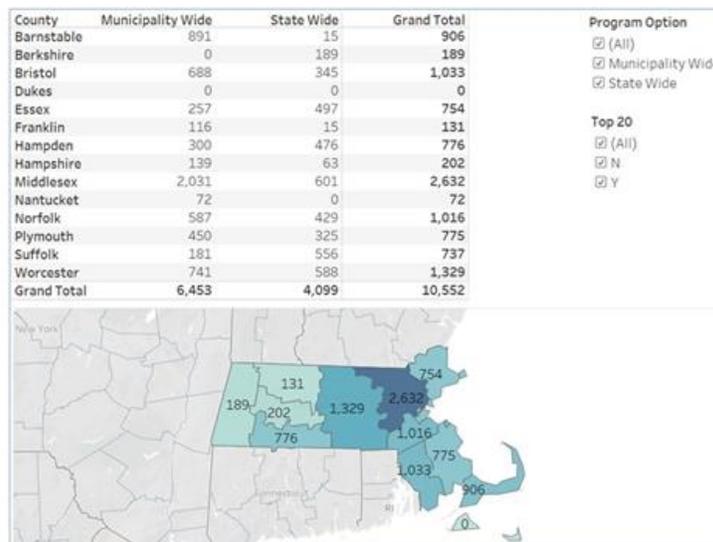
City	Municipality Wide	State Wide	Grand Total
Grand Total	957	1,343	2,300
BOSTON	0	295	295
BROCKTON	0	78	78
CHELSEA	14	3	17
EVERETT	0	55	55
FALL RIVER	275	10	285
FITCHBURG	0	45	45
FRAMINGHAM	154	10	164
HAVERTHILL	0	50	50
HOLYOKE	0	49	49
LAWRENCE	0	36	36
LEOMINSTER	0	20	20
LOWELL	0	87	87
LYNN	0	91	91
MALDEN	39	21	60
METHUEN	15	6	21
NEW BEDFORD	173	13	186
RANDOLPH	120	0	120
REVERE	167	24	191
SPRINGFIELD	0	196	196
WORCESTER	0	254	254

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Total Program In-Home Vaccinations Dashboard



*Municipality Figures may be understated due to the participation of municipalities that have not submitted their figures.

Workforce Development Update: New modules based on Special Commission Workforce Standards recommendations. Topics include [Foundations for Local Public Health Practice](#) (Tier 1 course, available to all public health staff--hoping to build a Tier 2 program in a hybrid format, remote and in-person) [MAPHIT Housing](#), "[New to Local Public Health](#)" course catalog.

OLRH updates: Reorganization of the Office, going to follow the Special Commission's Standards. New positions available.

Questions answered out loud from the Q&A Chat:

Q: Is contact tracing going away?

A: For the moment, case investigation and contact tracing still has a role, but this may not play as predominantly a role as it has been. We are starting to think about moving past COVID-19 being all consuming.

Q: Vaccine breakthrough cases?

A: We are seeing clusters, but they are staying smaller. This is suggestive of other data that people who are vaccinated tend to have lower viral loads. There will always be vaccine breakthrough cases.

Q: Any additional guidance for schools for the fall?

A: We will let you know as soon as it is available if any are changed from this last year.

Q: Updated information about latest J&J issues?

A: No updates on our end yet.

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Q: BinaxNOW testing in schools?

A: No information about this right now, but we do have BinaxNOW testing for camps and day care centers, and eventually we will share these with local health departments.

Q: Booster shots?

A: No information to share about this right now.

Questions not answered out loud from the Q&A Chat:

-Felix Zemel - 3:30 PM

Q: Are there any updates on the contact tracing grant?-

-Sam Wong - 3:33 PM

A: Currently being reviewed.-