

Disaster/Emergency Recovery Actions:

Small Business Recovery Loan Fund:

Governor Baker has announced a \$10 million Small Business Recovery Loan Fund, administered by Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC), to provide emergency capital up to \$75,000 to Massachusetts-based businesses impacted by COVID-19 with under 50 full- and part-time employees, including nonprofits. Click [here](#) for more information.

FEMA Public Assistance

- FEMA has declared a national emergency authorizing states to request Direct Federal Assistance (DFA) in the form of resources or expertise.
- FEMA will also reimburse eligible state, local, and private non-profit COVID-19 response costs up to \$5 million statewide that are not covered by HHS, CDC, etc.
- FEMA may request the \$5 Million cap be increased and are waiting on further guidance; however, the focus now is on providing Direct Federal Assistance.
- MEMA has begun creating a virtual applicant briefing and will issue updated guidance once FEMA has provided additional information.

Stay Informed

Key Public Health Messages for All Residents:

- Protect yourself by following public health advice about keeping your hands clean, and covering coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Protect others who are most at risk of COVID-19 by keeping your distance from people (at least 6 feet away from others), especially those who are older, and people living with chronic health conditions.
- If you are outside, avoid crowds.
- Don't shake hands or hug.
- Stay connected to friends and loved ones by phone or through other technology.
- Get information from trusted sources. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus> for the latest news, case counts, and lab testing results.

Other Resources:

COVID-2019 infographic for posting in all public places: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/stop-the-spread-of-germs-respiratory-diseases-like-flu-and-covid-19/download>

A short video for social media, waiting rooms, and other locations: <https://youtu.be/HhUpkGxyjS4>

Social media – follow and retweet DPH on Twitter @MassDPH, updated several times per day.

Massachusetts 2-1-1 - Massachusetts residents are urged to use 2-1-1 for information, resources, and referrals regarding COVID-19. Operators are staffing this hotline 24/7 and translators are available in multiple languages. Residents with questions can dial 2-1-1 from any landline or cellphone, or use the live chat option on the [Mass 2-1-1 website](#). As of 9:00 AM today, Mass 2-1-1 has answered a total of **4,502** coronavirus-related calls since last Friday. There are 17 staff now answering calls, including staff from United Way and 7 staff members from DPH.