

Leverett area COVID-19 Status and Testing, 8/11/2021

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STATUS

As of June 15, 2021, Governor Baker has lifted the state of emergency. As of May 29, 2021, Massachusetts has lifted all COVID industry restrictions and capacity limits. Masks remain mandatory only on public and private transportation systems, in health care facilities, congregate care facilities, inside K-12 schools, and in certain other settings. Unvaccinated people are advised to wear masks in indoor settings when social distancing is not possible. Please respect requests to wear masks in private spaces.

As of March 21, 2021, a travel advisory urges a 10-day quarantine for anyone arriving in Massachusetts who has left the state for more than 24 hours. Exempt are the fully vaccinated and those with a negative test result less than 72 hours old <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-advisory>.

TESTING

Results

Over the past two weeks (7/18/2021-7/31/2021), 23 new cases have been identified in Franklin County (positivity rate of 0.62%), an increase in new cases and positivity rate versus the previous two-week interval; 80 new cases have been identified in Hampshire County (0.71% positivity rate), an increase from the previous two-week interval. That's 2.3 new cases per day per 100,000 people in Franklin County and 3.5 new cases per day per 100,000 people in Hampshire County. Statewide, this number was 8.5 new cases per day per 100,000 people <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting>.

In spring 2021 the B.1.1.7, or Alpha variant, first identified in Britain, accounted for most new infections new cases in Massachusetts. As of early August, the Delta variant, first identified in India, accounts for over 85% of new infections in Massachusetts. After first identifying the South African variant, B.1.351, in mid-February in Middlesex County, 11 additional cases have been identified statewide since mid April. On 3/16/2021, the Brazilian variant, P.1., was identified in a Barnstable County woman. Another hundred cases were identified in the state by mid April. Statewide 3.32% of all cases have been sequenced for these variants.

Locations

The Stop the Spread testing program ended at the end of June 2021. Hospitals and pharmacies continue to offer testing. Many require appointments. Nearby, CVS, 165 University Drive in Amherst and MedExpress Urgent Care, 424 Russell Street, Hadley (413.253.0483) offer testing. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-testsites> to find a more complete list of testing locations in our broader area. CVS minute clinics also offer coronavirus antibody testing. These are at the Amherst location above, at 366 King Street in Northampton, and at 137 Federal Street in Greenfield. Health care providers offer more precise testing.