



Health Newsletter

Latest news and bulletin updates

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COVID-19 snapshot in the City of Quincy

The City of Quincy confirmed COVID-19 cases has a downward trend. Currently, CDC created the COVID-19 Community Levels, which are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

COVID-19 Community Levels in Norfolk County, Massachusetts

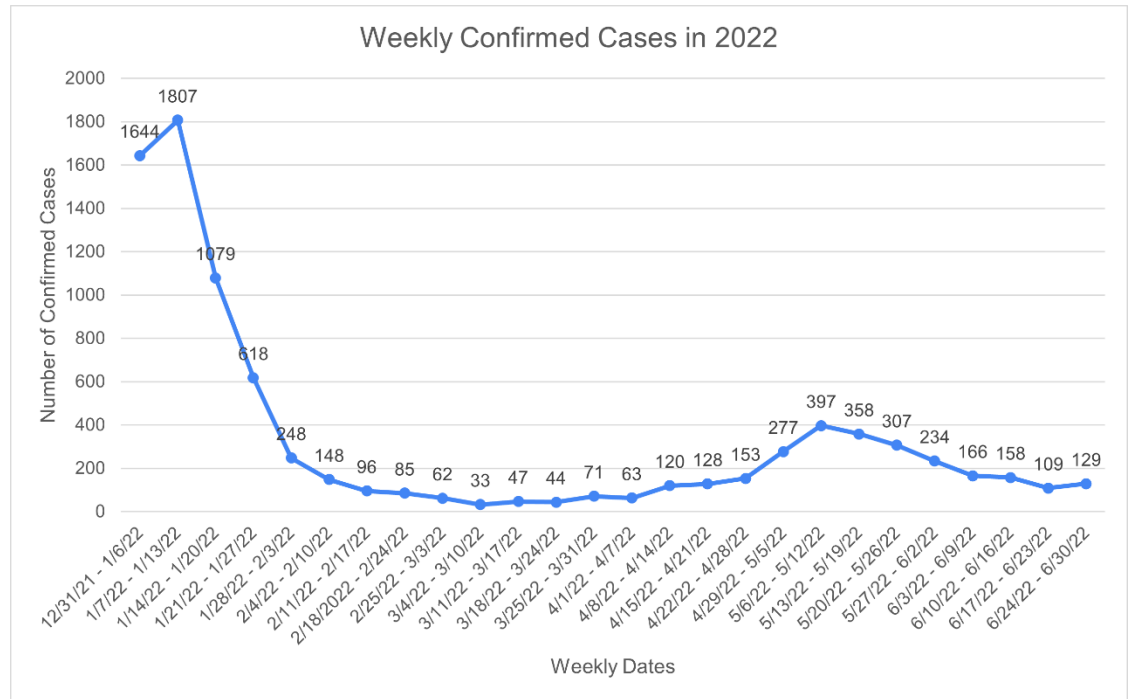
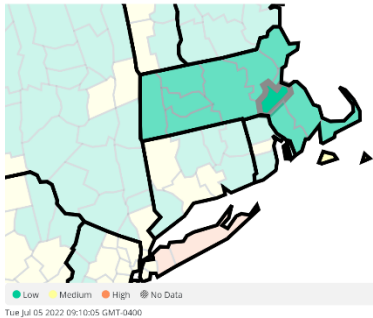


Figure 1 Weekly City of Quincy COVID-19 graphic. Data as of 6/30/2022.

The current community level for Norfolk County, MA is **LOW**.

Check it out!

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=Massachusetts&data-type=CommunityLevels&list_select_county=25021

South System COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance System

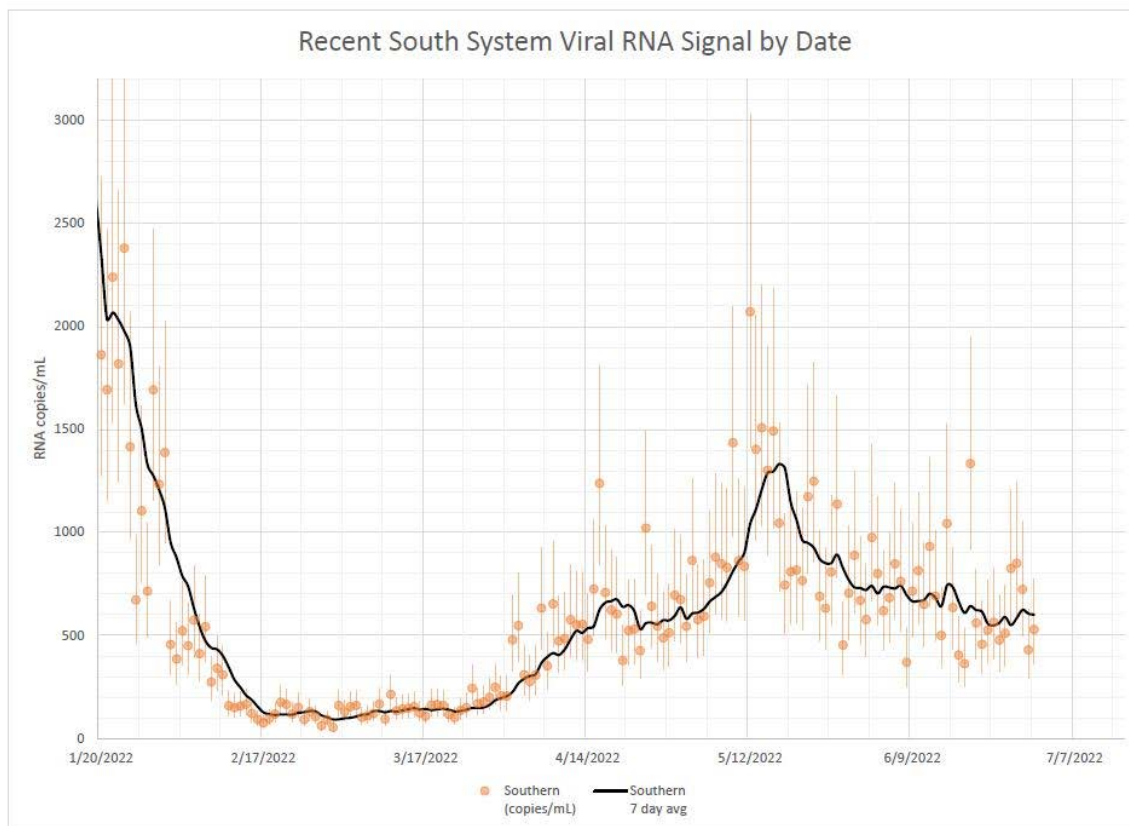


Figure 2 Southern COVID-19 wastewater surveillance. Data as of 6/30/2022

Currently, the state conducts COVID-19 wastewater surveillance for the state. There is data regarding the North and South Systems. There is a slight decrease in the COVID-19 RNA copies/mL found in the wastewater surveillance that the State has been conducting. The City of Quincy is part of the South System wastewater surveillance system for the state of MA. Snapshot numbers as of 6/30/2022.

Southern (copies/mL): 529

Southern 7-day average: 600

6mo – 4yr Vaccines

Released 6/19/2022

See the press release Baker-Polito administration announces children ages 6 months to 4 years eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Check Page 2 for more info

Variants in MA

As of 7/2/2022

Currently, the most prevalent variant in MA is Omicron BA.2.12.1 and BA.5. Check out the CDC Nowcast for variant monitoring in different regions.

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Global

WHO COVID-19 Dashboard

Check out the WHO COVID-19 Dashboard for a global snapshot of the current trends for the COVID-19 Pandemic

Check Page 4 for more info

Upcoming Events

July and Aug

Do you know anyone in need of a COVID-19 vaccine or skin cancer screening?

Check Page 5 for more info

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Released 6/19/2022

Baker-Polito Administration Announces Children Ages 6 Months to 4 years Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccinations



THE WAIT IS OVER!

Children ages 6 months+ can now get a COVID-19 vaccination

- Vaccines are safe, effective, and free
- No ID or insurance is required
- Talk to your child's doctor or use VaxFinder.mass.gov to find a location

Learn more at mass.gov/COVIDVaccineYoungKids

BOSTON — Following recommendations from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Baker-Polito Administration today announced that Massachusetts children ages 6 months to 4 years old are now eligible to receive the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

For the 6 months to 4-year-old age group, the Pfizer vaccine consists of three pediatric doses and the Moderna vaccine consists of two pediatric doses. Appointments will be available for booking beginning Tuesday,

June 21st with additional locations and appointments expected to come online in the following days. Vaccines are already available to those [5 years and older](#). The Administration expects there to be over 400 locations for children ages 6 months to 4 years old to receive a vaccine in the coming weeks.

The COVID-19 vaccine has shown to be safe, effective, and protective against serious illness or death. The Administration is committed to ensuring families have convenient access to free, safe, and effective vaccines. Children 6 months and older may receive a vaccination at locations such as their pediatricians' offices, community health centers, state-supported vaccination sites, mobile clinics and some pharmacy settings depending on the pharmacy and the child's age.

"We know parents and families have been waiting for this, and we are pleased to have this last age group approved for the COVID-19 vaccine," said **Dr. Estevan Garcia, a pediatrician, and Chief Medical Officer at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health**. "The vaccine for this age group has been rigorously tested and we encourage parents to add this vaccine to the list of critical vaccinations their children should receive. We urge parents to reach out to their child's health care provider with any questions they may have."

How to find a pediatric COVID-19 vaccination appointment:

1. Parents who prefer to have their child vaccinated by their primary care provider should call their provider's office directly.
2. Visit the VaxFinder tool at vaxfinder.mass.gov for a full list of available locations. You can narrow results to search for locations offering the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine. Some locations listed may only vaccinate certain ages. Read the site details to learn more.
3. For individuals who are unable to use VaxFinder, or have difficulty accessing the Internet, the COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Line is available by calling 2-1-1 (Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 6 PM, Saturday and Sunday 9 AM – 2 PM). The COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Line is available in English and Spanish and has translators available in approximately 100 additional languages.

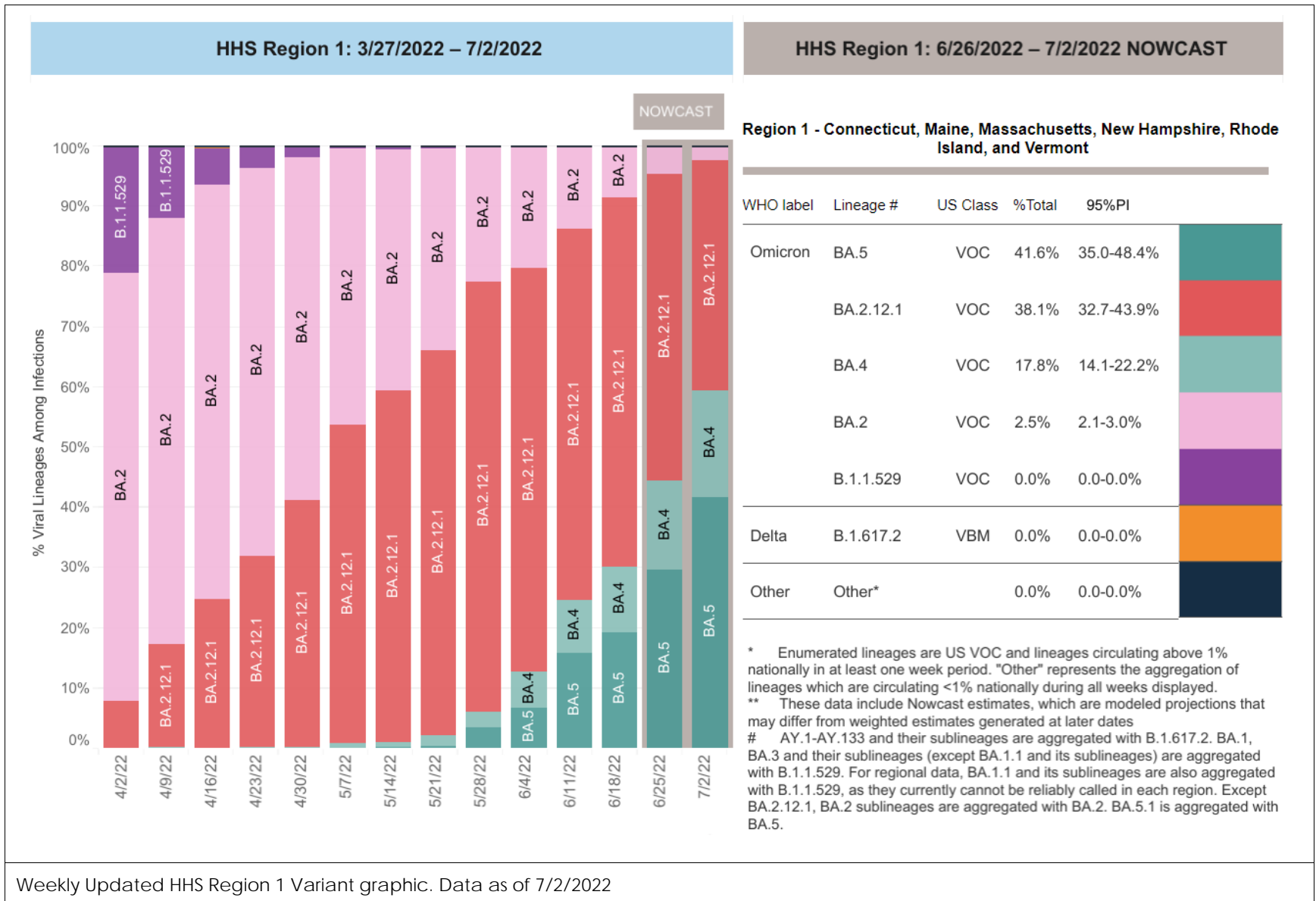
Massachusetts is a national leader in vaccination rates with over 84 percent of eligible residents fully vaccinated and over half of adults boosted. Massachusetts residents have ready access to vaccines, rapid tests, and therapeutics – all the resources needed to prevent severe illness and the Commonwealth's COVID data shows these tools work.

The vaccine is free, and you do not need insurance or an ID to be vaccinated. Additional information on the COVID-19 vaccination, including FAQs, can be found here: mass.gov/COVIDvaccine

For vaccine information on ages 6 months to 4 years, please visit: mass.gov/COVIDvaccineyoungkids

For vaccine information on ages 5-11, please visit: mass.gov/COVIDvaccinekids

For vaccine information on ages 12-17, please visit: mass.gov/COVIDvaccineyouth



Weekly Updated HHS Region 1 Variant graphic. Data as of 7/2/2022

About HHS Region 1 (including, CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT) Data

Instructions: Data in the chart and table show the estimated variant proportions for the most common variants and timeframe. The U.S. map shows the estimated weekly proportions of the most common SARS-CoV-2 variants circulating in the United States, divided by HHS regions. Data can be filtered by timeframe (one-week periods), and national or HHS region from the drop-down controls on the top.

Omicron (B.1.1.529) Characteristics – Further research is needed for BA.2 variant a.k.a Stealth Omicron

Transmissibility: Currently, it is unknown how efficiently the Omicron variant can spread from person to person. The replacement of Delta with Omicron as the predominant variant in South Africa raises concerns that the Omicron variant may be more transmissible than Delta, but due to the low number of cases in South Africa when Omicron emerged, it is unclear if this variant is more transmissible than the Delta variant. Further, the relatively small number of cases documented to date makes it difficult to estimate transmissibility. Analysis of the changes in the spike protein indicates that the Omicron variant is likely to have increased transmission compared to the original SARS-CoV-2 virus, but it is difficult to infer if it is more transmissible than Delta.

Disease Severity: Currently, it is unclear if infection with the Omicron variant is associated with a more severe disease. Due to the small number of cases attributed to the Omicron variant, assessment of disease severity is difficult. Preliminary information from South Africa indicates that there are no unusual symptoms associated with Omicron variant infection, and as with other variants, some patients are asymptomatic.

Impact on Vaccine-Induced Immunity or Immunity from Previous Infection: Currently, there are no data available to assess the ability of sera from vaccinated persons or those with previous SARS-CoV-2 infection to neutralize the Omicron variant. However, the U.S. Government SIG and global public health partners are working to generate these data in laboratory settings and will also continue to monitor epidemiological and clinical indicators.

World Health Organization COVID-19 Dashboard

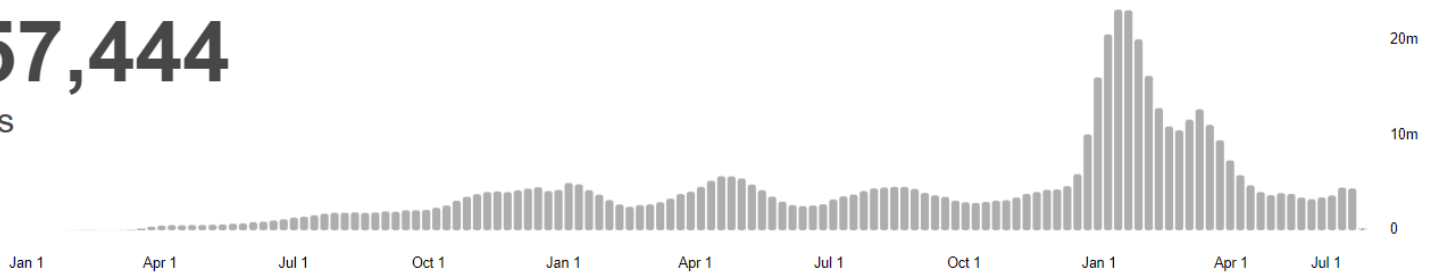
Globally, as of **5:38pm CEST, 4 July 2022**, there have been **546,357,444 confirmed cases** of COVID-19, including **6,336,415 deaths**, reported to WHO. As of **3 July 2022**, a total of **12,037,259,035 vaccine doses** have been administered.

Global Situation



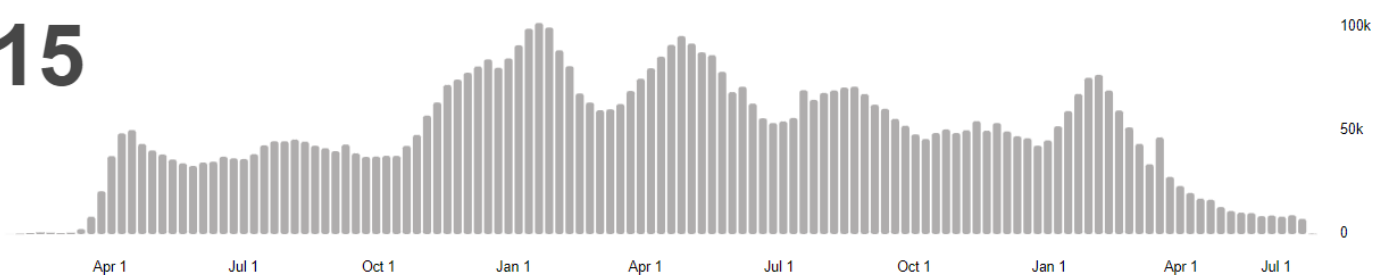
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Weekly Updated Global COVID confirmed cases/death graphic. Data as of 7/4/2022

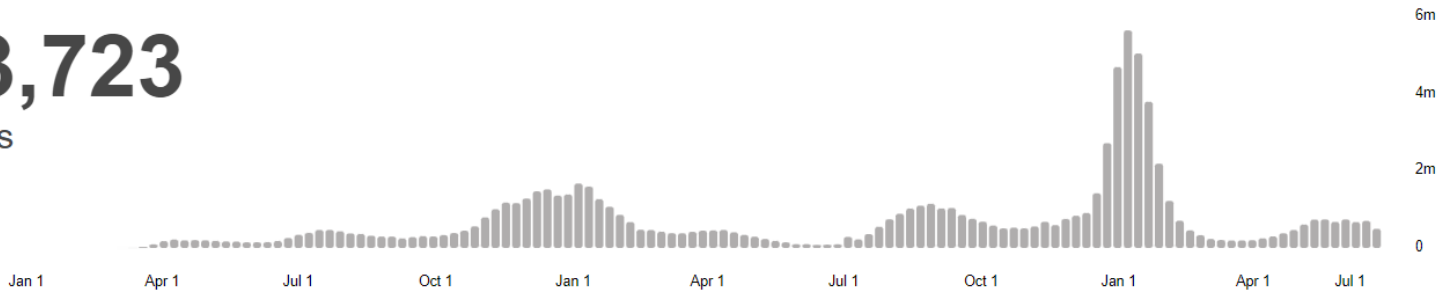
In **United States of America**, from **3 January 2020** to **5:38pm CEST, 4 July 2022**, there have been **86,433,723 confirmed cases** of COVID-19 with **1,007,644 deaths**, reported to WHO. As of **24 June 2022**, a total of **585,796,438 vaccine doses** have been administered.

United States of America Situation



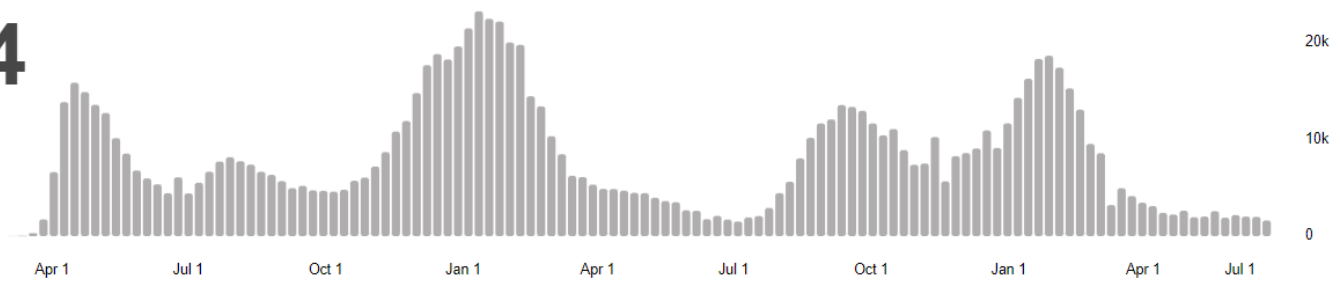
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Weekly United States COVID confirmed cases/ death graphic.

Data as of 7/1/2022

Upcoming Events

July and August, 2022



Free Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic with Manet Community Health Center

When? Friday, July 8. 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Where? The Kennedy Center 440 East Squantum St., Quincy

Everyone is welcome. No appointments needed. Pfizer (5+), Moderna (18+) and Johnson & Johnson (18+) vaccines available. Parental consent required for anyone under 18. 1st doses, 2nd doses, 1st boosters (12+) and 2nd boosters for all who are eligible.



Skin Cancer Screening from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

When? Friday, August 12. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where? DCR Wollaston Beach, Quincy

To schedule your screening or learn more, please call

617-376-1275.

Pre-registration is required, and most forms of insurance are accepted.



Aging Strong with Tufts Medical Center

When? Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Where? On Zoom through Quincy Access Television.

Meeting ID: 831 3882 3548



QARI Health education and promotion classes

When? Thursday, July 14th, August 18th, September 15th. 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Where? 275 Hancock St, Suite 202, Quincy, MA 02171

Join our free in-person classes that can help you gain health knowledge from professionals!



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Join us for our weekly events!

Nutrition Course with QHD Staff:

Every Tuesday from 9:30am – 10:30am in the computer room

Blood Pressure Clinics:

Every Wednesday from 11am - 12pm and every Thursday from 10am-11am.



Are you interested in staying up to date on important Quincy Public Health Issues?

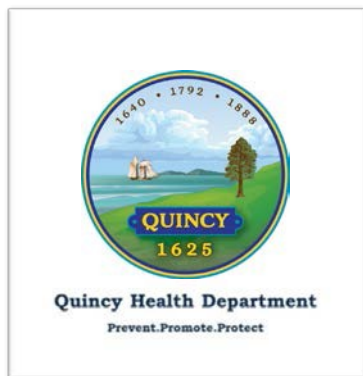
If so, please scan the QR code and follow our Facebook page for more information!

List of Departments

- Assessors: 617-376-1170**
- Constituent Services: 617-376-1500**
- Elder Services: 617-376-1506**
- Health Department: 617-376-1275**
- Inspectional Services: 617-376-1450**
- Library: 617-376-1300**
- Mayor's Office: 617-376-1990**
- Natural Resources: 617-376-1253**
- Planning: 617-376-1362**
- Public Schools: 617-984-8700**
- Treasures: 617-376-1095**
- TPAL: 617-376-1936**
- Veteran Services: 617-376-1192**



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<https://www.quincyma.gov/departments/health/index.php>

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

