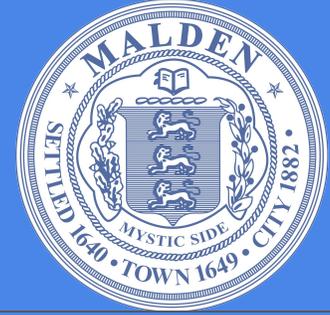


Wednesday, April 22, 2020

COVID-19 Coronavirus Update

City of Malden, Massachusetts



This and future updates available at: cityofmalden.org/coronavirusupdates

Malden Updates

- Malden to implement a [rental assistance program](#) for residents affected by the crisis.
- Malden Board of Health issues an advisory to residents to wear masks outside of the home.
- Malden board of health [issues order](#) to businesses regarding masks.
- Superintendent Oteri [issues update](#) to the Malden Public School Community.

State & Federal Updates

- Governor Baker signs [legislation](#) into law to protect homeowners and tenants from evictions and foreclosures.
- Governor Baker extends the [closure](#) of all public and private schools to the end of the school year.
- The Department of Public Health releases a daily [dashboard](#) report with detailed COVID-19 data as well as a [weekly update](#) of cases confirmed in each Massachusetts city and town.
- Governor Baker makes two existing services available for Spanish-speaking people. You can now [file for unemployment](#) or receive [text alerts about COVID-19](#) entirely in Spanish.

City Services Update

- If you are having difficulty getting to the store to purchase blue bags, you can contact our office at info@cityofmalden.org and we will assist you.
- Parking department relaxing parking requirements during [upcoming street sweeping season](#) beginning May 1st.

Cases as of 4/22/20

Malden

Tested & Confirmed (Isolated)	569
Deaths	19

Massachusetts

Tested & Confirmed	42,944
Deaths	2,182

Stay Informed and be Notified:

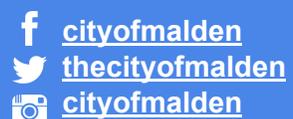
-[Subscribe](#) to website alerts by email or text.

-Register for [CodeRED](#) phone and text alerts.

-Get text alerts from Mass.gov by texting "COVIDMA" to 888-777

-MA info line: Call 2-1-1

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Malden Public Schools Update

Per [Governor Baker's order](#), the Malden Public Schools (MPS) will be closed for the remainder of the school year. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will be issuing new guidelines for the next phase of remote learning. MPS has also developed a survey to assess how its Remote Learning Plan is working. The survey may be found at maldenps.org/familysurveys and the information will help give a better sense of how to serve families and how to provide technology going forward. Please take a few moments to complete the survey which is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Haitian-Creole, Vietnamese, Arabic and Amharic.

Rental Assistance

The City of Malden, in collaboration with the Malden Redevelopment Authority, is creating a [rental assistance program](#) to assist low-income Malden renters who are unable to pay rent due to the COVID-19 crisis. While the state's recent eviction moratorium will buy some time to struggling renters, we know there are far too many Malden households that will continue to struggle to pay rent throughout this crisis. We are working hard to launch this program in the next few weeks. We are [collecting an interest list](#) to be notified when the program is launched and applications become available.

Malden Business Update

The City of Malden, in collaboration with the Malden Redevelopment Authority, is creating a [small business assistance program](#) to assist Malden businesses who are struggling due to the COVID-19 crisis. The first round of assistance will be limited to small businesses with a low- or moderate-income business owner and five or fewer full-time employees, among other criteria. Future rounds of business assistance may have other criteria. We are working hard to launch this program in the next few weeks. We are [collecting an interest list](#) to be notified when the program is launched and applications become available.

In business protections, the legislature and Governor recently passed [House Bill 4647](#), which, among other goals, prohibits a landlord from imposing a late fee for nonpayment of rent for a small business premises unit.

If residents are concerned about entering stores to purchase their City of Malden Blue Bags, Walgreens Pharmacy Drive-through on Route 60 will now be offering the bags for sale.

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Resources During COVID-19

For residents in need of help they can make requests at [Malden Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#) or call **339-224-4842**.

SCM Community Transportation, is the independent contractor who currently drives our senior citizens to doctor's appointments and shopping. They are continuing to provide transportation following all Board of Health protocols. You have to be 60+ and a Malden Resident to use this **FREE** service. They have limited their trips, but you can still schedule by calling **617-625-1191**.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recently issued a [Family Resource Toolbox](#) for families of children with disabilities.

Please Remember the Following Precautions



If You Are Sick or Think You Might Have Symptoms

1. Use the [BuoyHealth online symptom checker](#) to evaluate your symptoms.
2. Follow the suggestions on the symptom checker or if you are still uncertain contact your primary care facility, emergency room or walk-in health clinic.
Do not go to any of these facilities without first calling ahead for instructions.

CDC Guidance

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings especially where social distancing is difficult, such as in grocery stores and pharmacies.

For More Information About COVID-19

Including fact sheets in multiple languages, information about mental health during the outbreak, wellness tips and other information [visit the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's fact sheet page](#).