



# TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD

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## MARBLEHEAD CASE REPORTING

### Case Count

The Marblehead Health Department will make weekly updates on Friday, of confirmed cases, July 23, 2021.

Confirmed cases (recent guidance categorizes all confirmed or presumptive positive cases as positive): **1359**

(July 9, count was 1346) (July 16, count was 1350)

Active cases: **10**

Confirmed deaths: **31**

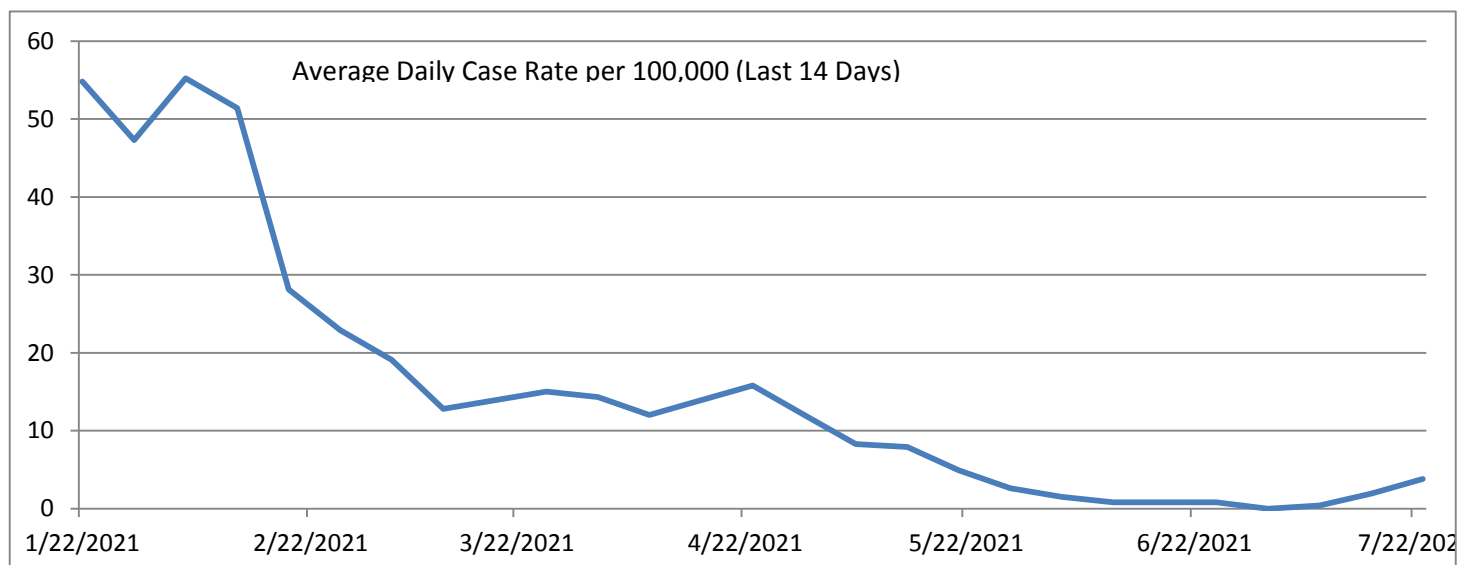
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0-19 years 20-29 years 30-39 years 40-49 years 50-59 years 60-69 years 70-79 years 80+  
Total Cases by Age Group from 7/9/2021-7/23/2021 (10)

Average Daily Incidence Rate per 100,000 (Last 14 Days)	Relative Change in Case Count	Total Tests	Total Tests (Last 14 Days)	Percent Positivity (Last 14 Days)	Change in Percent Positivity
3.8	Higher	61,991	833	1.44%	Higher

We are currently a **Grey** Community per the Massachusetts Average Daily Incidence Rate per 100,000 Color Calculation

### Marblehead Residents Vaccinated for COVID-19 as of July 23, 2021

First Dose (One Dose Away) 1,917  
Second Dose 14,115





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**Effective Monday, March 22, the Massachusetts Travel Order was replaced with a Travel Advisory:**

### **Travel Advisory**

- As of Monday, March 22, all visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, are advised to quarantine for 10 days upon their arrival.
- Travelers are exempt from this advisory if they have a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72 hours prior to their arrival in Massachusetts. If not obtained before entry to Massachusetts, a test may be obtained after arrival, as long as travelers quarantine until a negative test result has been received.
- Anyone who is returning to Massachusetts after an absence of fewer than 24 hours is exempt from this advisory.
- Workers who enter Massachusetts to perform critical infrastructure functions (as [specified by](#) the Federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) are exempt from this advisory while they are commuting to or from or while at work.
- Travelers who are fully vaccinated (i.e. who have received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines OR who have received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, 14 days or more ago) and who do not have symptoms are exempt from this advisory.
- Travelers are encouraged to consult and follow the [CDC's guidelines and requirements for travel](#).

### **Effective May 29**

Effective May 29, all industries will be permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for public and private transportation systems and facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

All industries will be encouraged to follow CDC guidance for cleaning and hygiene protocols.

On May 18, 2020, the Administration [published the reopening phases](#), which called for ending restrictions when vaccines became widely available. Today, there are over 975 locations for Massachusetts residents to access vaccines without delay.

### **State of Emergency Order**

Governor Baker has ended the [State of Emergency](#) as of June 15, and the Administration will work with legislative and municipal partners during this period in order to manage an orderly transition from emergency measures adopted by executive order and special legislation during the period of the State of Emergency.



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### **Face Coverings:**

**Effective May 29:** The Commonwealth's face-covering order will be rescinded. The Department of Public Health will issue a new face-covering advisory consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance.

### **Face-Covering Advisory for Unvaccinated Residents**

The Department of Public Health will issue a public health advisory effective May 29 that advises all unvaccinated residents to continue to wear face-coverings in indoor settings and when they can't socially distance.

### **[Department of Public Health \(DPH\) Advisory Regarding Face Coverings and Cloth Masks](#)**

### **Face-Covering Requirements in Certain Locations**

Effective May 29, 2021, updated June 3, 2021 face coverings will continue to be required for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals at all times in the following locations, subject to the exemptions listed below:

1. **On Public and Private Transportation**, including on the MBTA, commuter rail, buses, ferries, and airplanes, and while in rideshares (Uber and Lyft), taxis, and livery vehicles, as required by the [Centers for Disease Control January 29, 2021 Order](#). Face coverings are also required at all times in transportation hubs, including train stations, bus stops, and airports. The requirement applies to riders and workers.
2. **Inside Childcare Programs** licensed or authorized by the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) and as otherwise required by EEC or the Department of Public Health (DPH). This requirement applies to students, teachers, and staff.
3. **In Health Care Facilities and Provider Offices**, defined as healthcare facilities or providers licensed or operated by the Commonwealth including nursing homes, rest homes, emergency medical services, hospitals, doctor's office, urgent care settings, community health centers, vaccination sites, behavioral health clinics, and Bureau of Substance and Addiction Services (BSAS) facilities. This requirement applies to patients and staff.
4. **In Congregate Care Settings**, defined as congregate care facilities or programs operated, licensed, certified, regulated, or funded by the Commonwealth including: assisted living facilities, group homes, houses of correction, Department of Correction prisons, jails, residential treatment programs, and facilities operated, licensed, certified, regulated, authorized, or funded by the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC), the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Department of Youth Services (DYS), the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS), the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB), the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). Additionally, the face coverings requirement applies to emergency shelter programs, including individual and family homeless shelters, domestic violence and sexual assault shelters, veterans' shelters, and shelters funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The face coverings requirement also applies in approved private special education schools, which offer residential services and are approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This requirement applies to clients and staff.
5. **In Health Care and Rehabilitative Day Services and Programs**, defined as programs or services operated, licensed, certified, regulated, or funded by the Commonwealth and authorized under the aegis of the Executive Office of Health & Human Services or one of its agencies. These programs and services include: adult day health, day habilitation, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), psychosocial rehabilitation club houses, brain injury centers and clubhouses, day treatment, partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs, recovery support centers and center-based day support programs. This requirement applies to staff and consumers.



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6. **Home care workers**, including Personal Care Attendants (PCA), Home Health Aides, and Home Care Workers provide patient-facing care. The face coverings requirement only applies to the worker.

The following persons are exempt from the face coverings requirement:

- Children 5 years of age and younger.
- Persons for whom a face mask or covering creates a health risk or is not safe because of any of the following conditions or circumstances:
  - the face mask or covering affects the person's ability to breathe safely;
  - the person has a mental health or other medical diagnosis that advises against wearing a face mask or covering;
  - the person has a disability that prevents them from wearing a face mask or covering; or
  - the person depends on supplemental oxygen to breathe.

### **K-12, Early Education and Summer Camp Guidance** **Clarifying COVID-19 Guidance:**

On Saturday, June 19, Commissioner Riley sent a message to schools and districts clarifying the [COVID-19 guidance](#) that DESE released on May 27. The June 19 message states that:

- **For the remainder of the school year:** Masking indoors and maintaining other health and safety guidance as issued by DESE is required.
- **For summer programs:** Masking indoors and maintaining other health and safety guidance is not required but is encouraged. The DESE summer guidance is in alignment with state guidance encouraging unvaccinated individuals to continue to mask. [The DPH mask advisory](#) advises unvaccinated residents to continue wearing masks in indoor settings and when they can't socially distance.
- **For the fall:** At this time, all health and safety guidance including masking and physical distancing will be lifted. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will collaborate with the Department of Public Health (DPH) to issue any additional health and safety recommendations over the summer should they become necessary.

The Administration will release updated guidance for summer camps, effective May 29, which will include no longer requiring masks for outdoor activities.



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### How to properly wear a mask or face-covering

When you wear a cloth mask, it should:

- Cover your nose and mouth,
- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face,
- Be secured with ties or ear loops,
- Include multiple layers of fabric,
- Allow for breathing without restriction, and
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

When putting on and taking off a mask, do not touch the front of it, you should only handle the ties or ear straps, and make sure you wash the cloth mask regularly. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after touching the mask.

Cloth masks should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

The **FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance** program allows for **funeral assistance for any COVID-19 related death after January 20, 2020**. The program will assist with expenses up to \$9,000 per funeral, up to a maximum of \$35,000 if applicants are applying for assistance related to more than one death.

Here are some key points about the program:

- **FEMA's call center can be reached Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time, toll free at 1-844-684-6333, and through TTY at 1-800-462-7585.** The call center can take calls in multiple languages.
- There is currently no deadline to apply for this benefit.
- To be eligible for FEMA's funeral assistance benefit, you must meet these conditions:
  - The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
  - The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
  - The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.
  - There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.
  - The program is open to all who qualify, regardless of their income.

**RESOURCE:** We've created a webpage with more information about the program, links to FEMA guidance, fact sheets in multiple languages, and information about obtaining or amending a death certificate in Massachusetts:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-funeral-assistance>.

**Weekly Case report will come out on Friday morning after 9am**