**March 18, 2022**

See below for news and resources about COVID-19 vaccination. Please share this newsletter with colleagues including local social service agencies, community organizations, or colleagues working to increase vaccination across Massachusetts. To subscribe, [**click here.**](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/9wFTcRU/VEIWeeklyRoundup?source_id=1cb133b4-a6fa-4d82-8877-26fbd3220956&source_type=em&c=A7NAYDszA7IRQZ0Q_43tzL_RDJSeLQ5emB5i5VVWwQcpsMLrFcCPTA==)

**What's New**

**BECOME A VACCINE CHAMPION: LEARN WAYS TO IMPROVE CONFIDENCE IN COVID-19 VACCINES**

* DPH and other partners are 

offering 2 upcoming trainings on

strategies to improve confidence

in COVID-19 vaccines. Meetings

are free and all are welcome.

[**Learn more**](https://files.constantcontact.com/6b77156f801/14d519c9-2831-44d6-af0b-a4f2e089fc7e.pdf), or register for

[**March 23**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErcOusrT8pHtaPr19nAcAuabuWQvmkflcF) or [**April 29.**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqde2pqzIuH9yLuyDwAs042bk3yuf3yfj_)

**MA DPH UPDATES COVID-19 DEATH DEFINITION** 

* **News Release (3/10)** - [**This**](https://www.mass.gov/news/department-of-public-health-updates-covid-19-death-definition)

[**revision captures more**](https://www.mass.gov/news/department-of-public-health-updates-covid-19-death-definition)

[**accurately the acute impact of**](https://www.mass.gov/news/department-of-public-health-updates-covid-19-death-definition)

[**COVID in MA and enables**](https://www.mass.gov/news/department-of-public-health-updates-covid-19-death-definition)

[**comparison with other states.**](https://www.mass.gov/news/department-of-public-health-updates-covid-19-death-definition)

**Reminders**

**4 MORE AT-HOME COVID TESTS AVAILABLE FREE VIA US POSTAL SERVICE**

* Every U.S. household can order an 

additional set of 4 at-home COVID-19

tests from the federal government.

This means every home is eligible to

receive a total of 8 free tests. [**Get Free**](https://www.covidtests.gov/)

[**At-Home COVID Tests**](https://www.covidtests.gov/)

* Additional info about COVID testing,

including what to do if you test

positive, is available at

[**mass.gov/GetTested**.](https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing)

**UPDATES TO STOP THE SPREAD TESTING PROGRAM**

* **News Release (3/4)** - [**Due to**](https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-updates-to-stop-the-spread-testing-program) 

[**significant decline in demand at**](https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-updates-to-stop-the-spread-testing-program)

[**state sponsored Stop the Spread**](https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-updates-to-stop-the-spread-testing-program)

[**testing sites and the wide**](https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-updates-to-stop-the-spread-testing-program)

[**availability of rapid antigen**](https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-updates-to-stop-the-spread-testing-program)

[**tests, the program will downsize**](https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-updates-to-stop-the-spread-testing-program)

[**to 11 sites, effective April 1.**](https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-updates-to-stop-the-spread-testing-program)

**PHYSICIAN DESCRIBES NEW COVID-19 TREATMENT OPTIONS**

* Patients recently diagnosed with

COVID-19 have options for treatment,

available at no cost at sites across MA.

[**Listen to Dr. Sandeep Jubbal, Medical**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RY-MafFwj0)

[**Director at UMass Memorial Medical**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RY-MafFwj0)

[**Center, describe treatment safety and**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RY-MafFwj0)

[**efficacy.**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RY-MafFwj0)



* Learn more about [**treatment options**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/treatments-for-covid-19)(info also [**available in 12 languages**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/treatments-for-covid-19#information-for-patients-in-multiple-languages-)), or [**locate treatment near you**.](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/information-for-providers-about-therapeutic-treatments-for-covid-19#covid-19-therapeutic-locator-)

*Above: Dr. Jubbal discusses new COVID*

*treatment options.*

**MULTILINGUAL COVID-19 MATERIALS FROM DPH**

* [**Resources to support COVID-19 vaccine promotion and education, organized by language**](https://www.mass.gov/resource/multilingual-covid-19-materials)**.** Includes videos and printables on topics like vaccine safety, pregnancy and the vaccine, and FAQs. 

**IN-HOME VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE** 

* The [**COVID-19 In-Home Vaccination Program**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-in-home-vaccination-program)is a resource for anyone who has difficulty getting to or using a community vaccination location.

**Key Resources**

**OUTREACH AND EDUCATION MATERIALS**

* [**COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions)
* [**COVID-19 Booster FAQs**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-booster-frequently-asked-questions)
* [**Weekly Provider Bulletin**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-program-mcvp-guidance-for-vaccine-providers-and-organizations#weekly-provider-bulletins-)
* [**Trust the Facts, Get the Vax Campaign Materials**](https://www.mass.gov/resource/trust-the-facts-get-the-vax-campaign-materials) (organized by audience, including general, parents and pregnant people, youth, young adults; available in 12 languages)
* [**Trust the Facts, Get the Vax Creative Materials Toolkit**](https://www.mass.gov/doc/creative-materials-toolkit-trust-the-facts-get-the-vax/download)(updates ongoing, including
* pediatric eligibility)
* [**Additional Education and Outreach Materials**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-education-and-outreach-materials)(includes social media graphics, vaccine updates, guides to hosting a forum, and more)
* [**Multilingual COVID-19 Materials**](https://www.mass.gov/resource/multilingual-covid-19-materials) (videos and printables; organized by language)
* [**COVID-19 Funeral Assistance from FEMA**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-funeral-assistance)(including [**1-pager with key info**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-funeral-assistance#fema-funeral-assistance-website-&-faq-)available in multiple languages)
* [**COVID-19 Vaccination Tools for Employers**](https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-vaccination-tools-for-employers)
* [**Archive of COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Updates**](https://www.mass.gov/lists/archive-of-covid-19-vaccine-communications-updates)(past editions of VEI Roundup)

**FIND A COVID-19 VACCINE OR BOOSTER**

* [**Vaccine Finder**](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/)
* [**Find, Schedule, or Sign Up for a Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination**](https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-mobile-vaccinations)
* [**COVID-19 In-Home Vaccination Program**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-in-home-vaccination-program)
* [**Request a Copy of Your Vaccine Card**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/requesting-a-copy-of-your-covid-19-vaccination-record)

**COVID-19 VACCINE STANDING ORDERS (FROM CDC)**

* Pfizer
	+ [**5-11**](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/downloads/Pfizer_PED_StandingOrders.pdf)(updated 2/7/22)
	+ [**12 + Gray Cap**](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/downloads/gray-cap-Pfizer-BioNTech-standing-orders.pdf) (updated 2/25/22)
	+ [**12 + Purple Cap**](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/downloads/standing-orders.pdf)(updated 2/25/22)
* [**Moderna**](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/moderna/downloads/standing-orders.pdf) (updated 2/28/22)
* [**Janssen**](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/janssen/downloads/Janssen-Standing-Orders.pdf)(updated 2/22/22)

**Recent Highlights**

**Fitchburg**

Last week, Fitchburg offered a community outreach and education event to answer parents' questions about pediatric vaccination and share information. The event was held with partners including the YMCA, the Perinatal-Neonatal Quality Improvement Network of Massachusetts (PNQIN), the Fitchburg Local Board of Health, Fitchburg Vaccine Access and Administration providers, and the DPH Fitchburg/Leominster Community Liaison.

[**Read More Highlights**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-equity-initiative-highlights)

[**Visit the VEI Website**](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-equity-initiative)

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