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PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL

May 4, 2022

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National Nurses Week



Medical Laboratory Professionals Week (April 24-30)



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Family-Friendly Vaccine Clinics

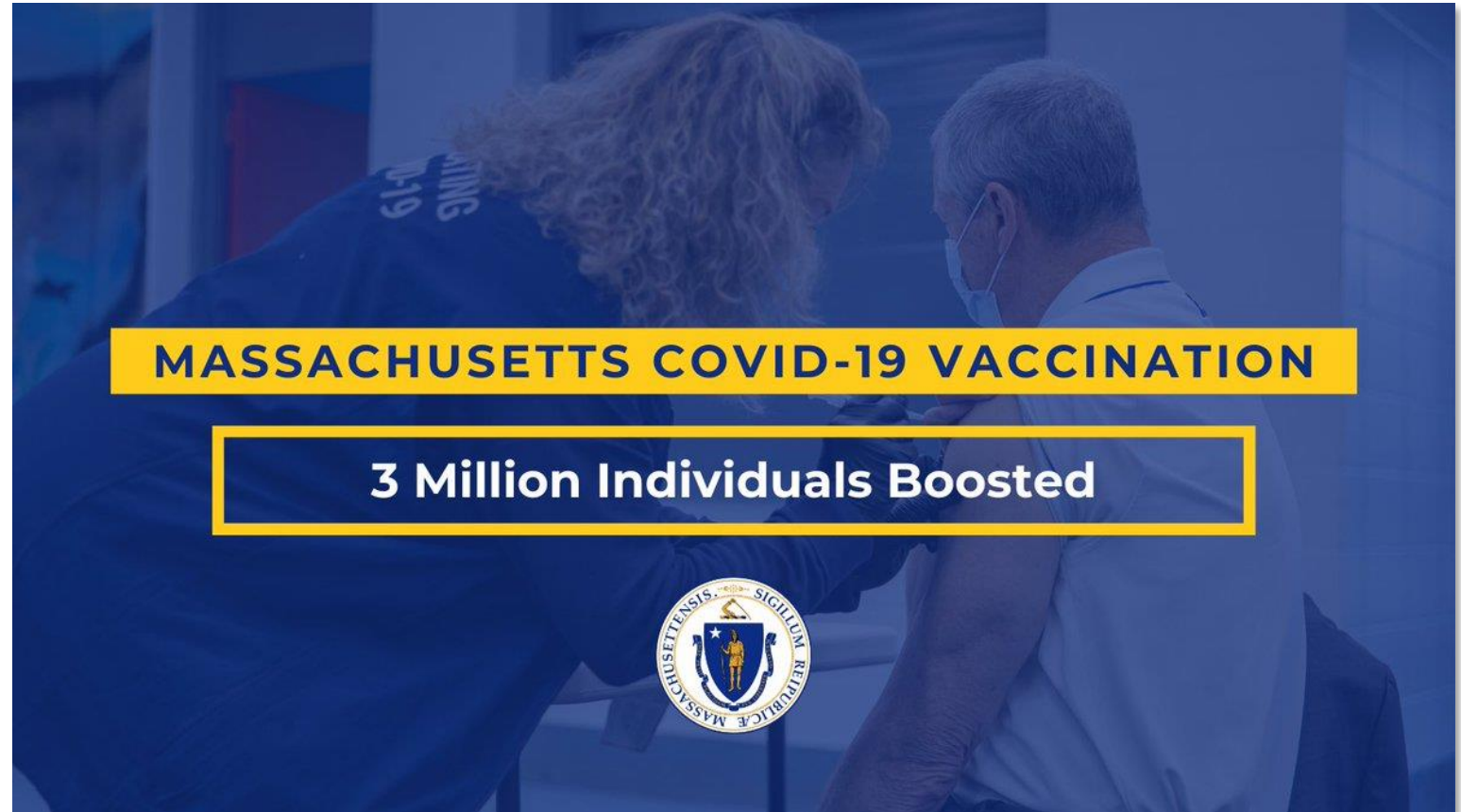
- April school vacation week
- 10 cities and towns
- Partnerships with local businesses
- 1000+ vaccinations



A vaccination clinic in Chelsea during school vacation week

COVID-19

- Cases
- Vaccines and boosters
- Treatment is available



More than 3 million individuals received boosters as of May 2022



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Determination of Need:

Request by Mass General Brigham Incorporated for a substantial capital expenditure and substantial change in service at Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital.



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Massachusetts General Hospital.*



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Request to Promulgate Amendments to 105 CMR 300.000:

Reportable Diseases, Surveillance, and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements

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Summary of Regulation

- This regulation lists diseases designated dangerous to public health by DPH and establishes reporting, surveillance, isolation, and quarantine requirements.
- These requirements are intended for application by local boards of health, hospitals, laboratories, physicians, and other health care workers, veterinarians, education officials, recreational program health service providers, food industry officials, and the public.
- This regulation is necessary to monitor and maintain the public's health through enhanced surveillance and disease intervention and control measures that result in reduced morbidity and mortality across Massachusetts.

Overview of Previous Revisions to Regulation

- The Department previously presented proposed amendments to 105 CMR 300 to the Public Health Council on January 12, 2022.
- The amendments update sections of the regulation that have been of particular importance during the COVID-19 pandemic as they relate to the Department's ongoing surveillance of and response to diseases that are dangerous to the public health.

Public Comment Period

- Following the presentation to the PHC, public hearings were held on February 25, and March 29, and the public comment period concluded on March 29.
- Two written comments were received. There were no verbal comments.
- The written comments both suggested adding the word "industry" to the list of demographic variables required to be reported by, for example, providers and local boards of health.
- “Industry” is currently captured on a limited basis through in-depth epidemiologic follow-up and contact tracing by local boards of health and it is not generally collected in electronic health records or by reporting clinicians.
- **For these reasons, the Department recommends no change to the pre-comment proposed amendments.**

Next Steps

- The Department requests that the Public Health Council approve the proposed regulations for promulgation.
- Following Public Health Council approval, the Department will file the amended regulation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth for final enactment.



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Thank you for the opportunity to present this information today.

For more information regarding 105 CMR 300.000: Reportable Diseases, Surveillance, and Isolation and Quarantine Requirements please find the full current regulation here:

<https://www.mass.gov/regulations/105-CMR-30000-reportable-diseases-surveillance-and-isolation-and-quarantine>

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