



## TOWN OF BOURNE BOARD OF HEALTH

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# May 11, 2020 Pandemic Updates

**Baker-Polito Administration announced a four-phase approach to reopening the Massachusetts economy amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, and published Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards that will apply across all sectors and industries once reopening begins.**

Visit <https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-four-phase-approach-to-reopening-and-publishes-mandatory#AlertsMA> for the full description and keep tuning in to daily press briefings. In addition to these Mandatory Standards which apply to all workplaces, the Reopening Advisory Board is developing Sector Specific Safety Protocols and Best Practices that will detail how particular industries should operate upon reopening. The Reopening Advisory Board is scheduled to provide its full report to Governor Baker on Monday, May 18th.

## **New Guidance on testing all persons who are close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases being implemented.**

Recommended for these persons to get a PCR or molecular test as soon as possible, regardless of symptom status. If test is negative initially, the 14 day quarantine is still required. Serologic (antibody) testing is not appropriate here. Please contact our office with any questions.

## **The isolation period has increased from 7 days to 10 days for confirmed or probable cases.**

All persons with a laboratory confirmed positive PCR or molecular test AND persons which receive a positive test result from a serologic test are subject to this time frame.

## **Presently <10 active, confirmed cases in Bourne (excluding clusters of illnesses). MassDPH reports a downward trend in hospitalization, and less than 20% of tests have been positive during the past week.**

Visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting> for State reporting and see the Regional Community Alert Heatmap for ongoing local updates <https://www.capecodhealth.org/about/press-room/news/2020/covid-19-community-alert-heatmap-system/>