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**Subject:** Update on Office Operations

Colleagues,

Administrator Wheeler has emphasized that our plan for a phased return to our offices is both measured and deliberate to minimize risk to your health. Our plan provides for a “rolling reopening,” so each facility will enter Phase 1 after two thorough reviews of health information that comprises the gating criteria outlined in the Reopening America Again Plan, while keeping in mind any City, State, or County requirements as well. Last week, EPA space in Boston, Chelmsford and Woburn closed for the 7-day period to assure that any virus in those facilities was rendered inactive.

During the review of 14-day trend data this week for Boston, Chelmsford, and Woburn, our Agency experts determined that the gating criteria to enter Phase 1 were not met and are in fact now trending upwards. Please see the attached charts demonstrating this sharp trend upward. Because of this, the Administrator and I decided that we should extend our closure until next week when we will make a decision if we should move into Phase 1 or maintain our COOP status. While we are considering other data and the posture of state and local governments when making phasing decisions, in this case we believed it was warranted to delay moving to Phase 1.

EPA space remains closed to ensure that any possible virus in those facilities is rendered inactive prior to employees’ return. Any spaces that need to be accessed during the extended closure will be cleaned and disinfected before entering Phase 1. We will be following [our own guidance on cleaning and disinfecting](#), which we developed with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), throughout this process. Please contact your supervisor should access to a facility during the extended closure needs to be requested. Access must be approved in advance.

Your health and safety is our top priority and we will continue to keep you updated on the status of our locations.

Thank you.

Dennis



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## EPA Facilities

- Facility is not meeting all criteria
- Facility is meeting all criteria over the previous 7 days
- Facility is meeting all criteria over the previous 14 days

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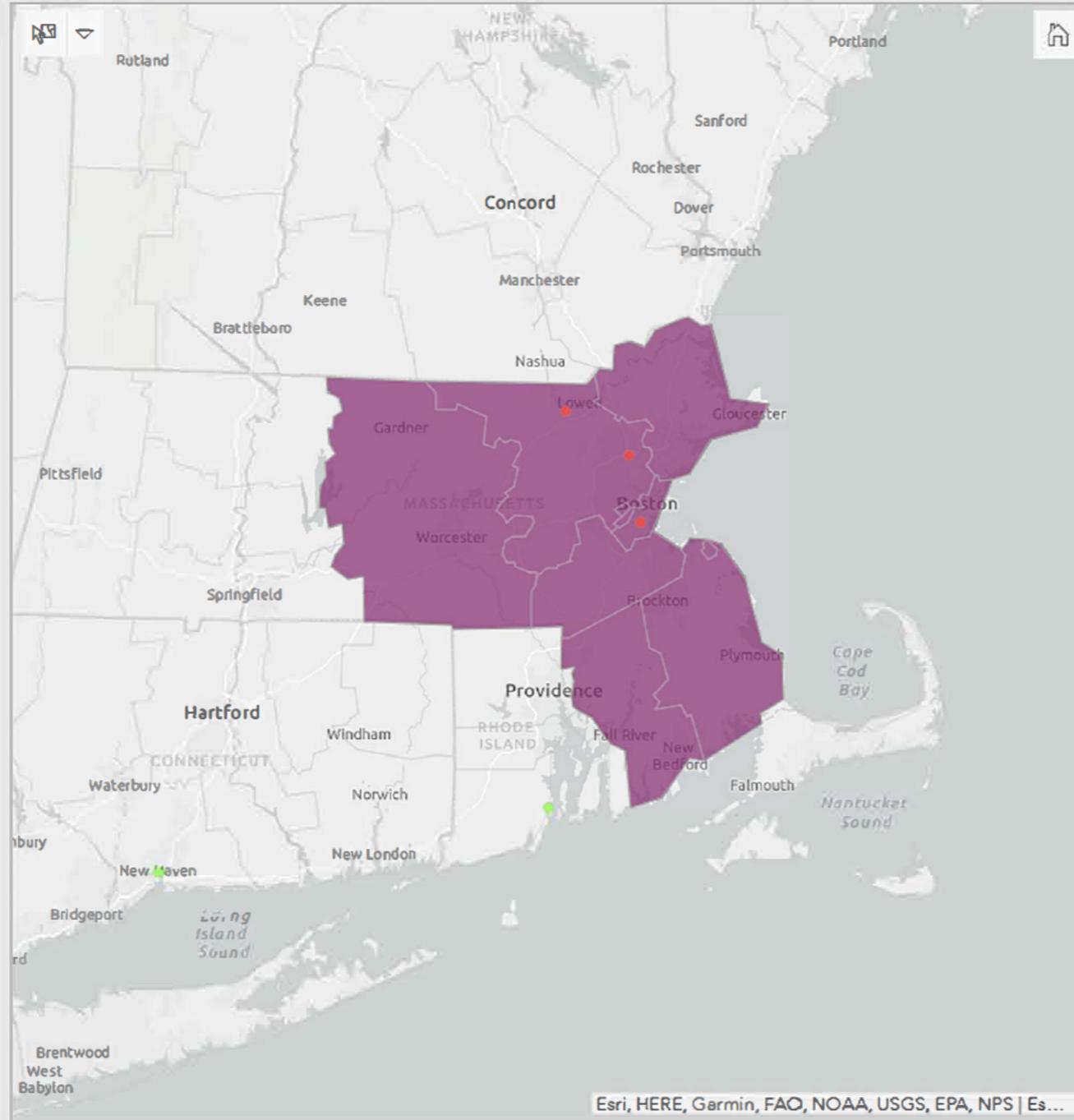
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## Criteria I

Downward trajectory of influenza and COVID-like illness (ILI / CLI) symptoms within 14-day period

Goal I-a: Number of reported weekly new ILI symptoms averaged over the states that intersect the commuting area trends down over a 4-week period

AND

Goal I-b: Number of reported weekly new CLI symptoms averaged over the states that intersect the commuting area trends down over a 4-week period

## Criteria II

Documented COVID-19 cases and prevalence of positive tests must trend downward for 14 days (while not decreasing the overall number of tests)

Goal II-a: Number of reported daily new cases in the commuting area trends down over a 14-day period

AND

Goal II-b: Number of reported positive tests in the commuting area trends down over a 14-day period

OR

Goal II-c: Incidence over the previous 14 days is less than 10 cases per 100,000 people

## Criteria III

Local hospitals must have the capacity to treat all patients without crisis care and jurisdictions must have a robust healthcare worker testing program and plan in place

Goal III-a: ICU bed capacity for all hospitals in the commuting area is greater than 20%

AND

Goal III-b: Percent of positive tests averaged over the states that intersect the commuting area is below 20%

Goal I-a

Statewide ILI Symptoms are trending down over the previous 4 weeks

Goal I-b

tbd

Goal II-a

New COVID-19 cases are not trending down over the previous 14 days

Goal II-b

tbd

Goal II-c

Incidence over last 14 days

204.9

cases per 100,000 people

Goal III-a

ICU Capacity Remaining

80.4%

Goal III-b

Percent of COVID-19 tests that are positive

17.1%



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## EPA Facilities

- COVID-19 cases are not trending down
  - COVID-19 cases are trending down over the previous 7 days
  - COVID-19 cases are trending down over the previous 14 days
- OR incidence rate is below 10 per 100,000 people over the previous 14 days

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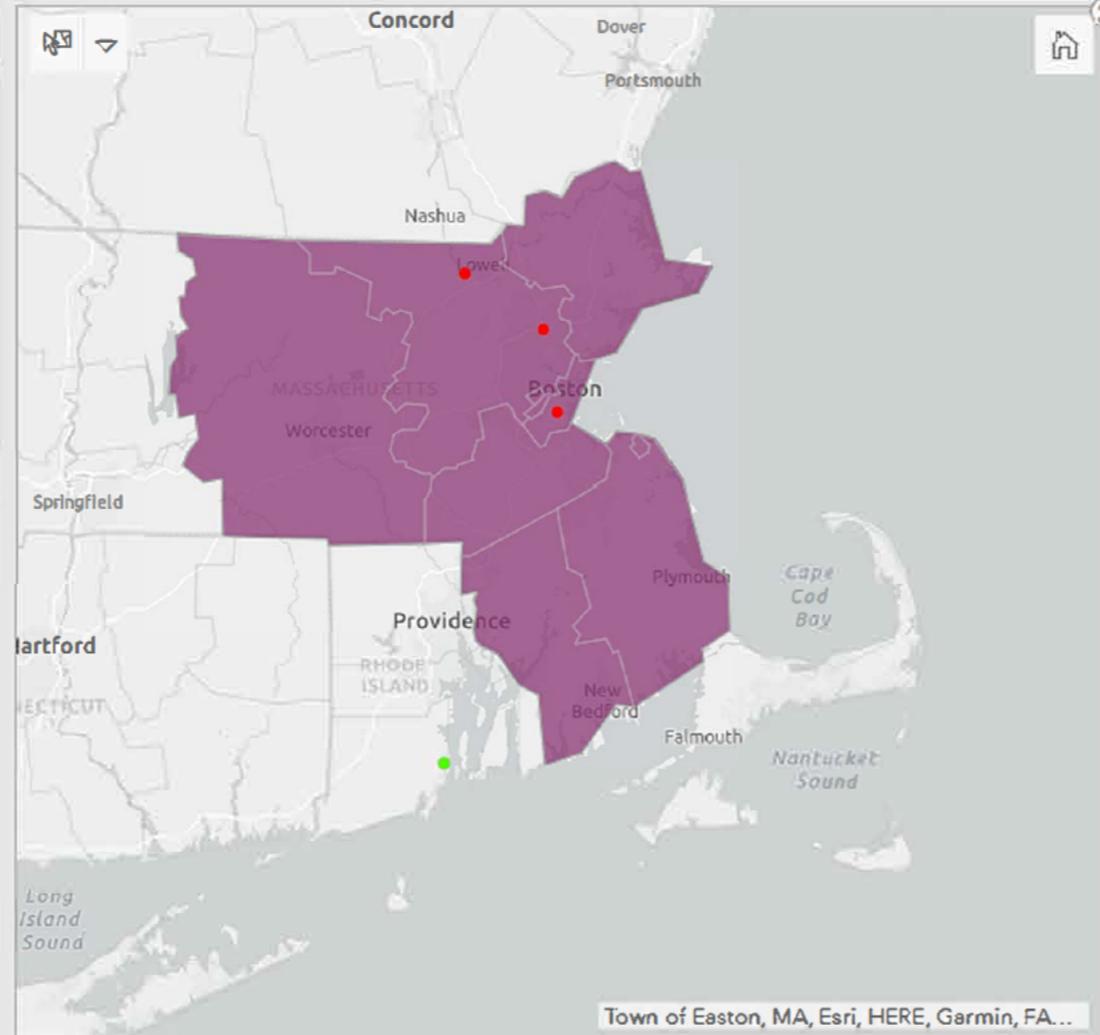
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Population

5,792,400

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases  
(all cases)

92,188

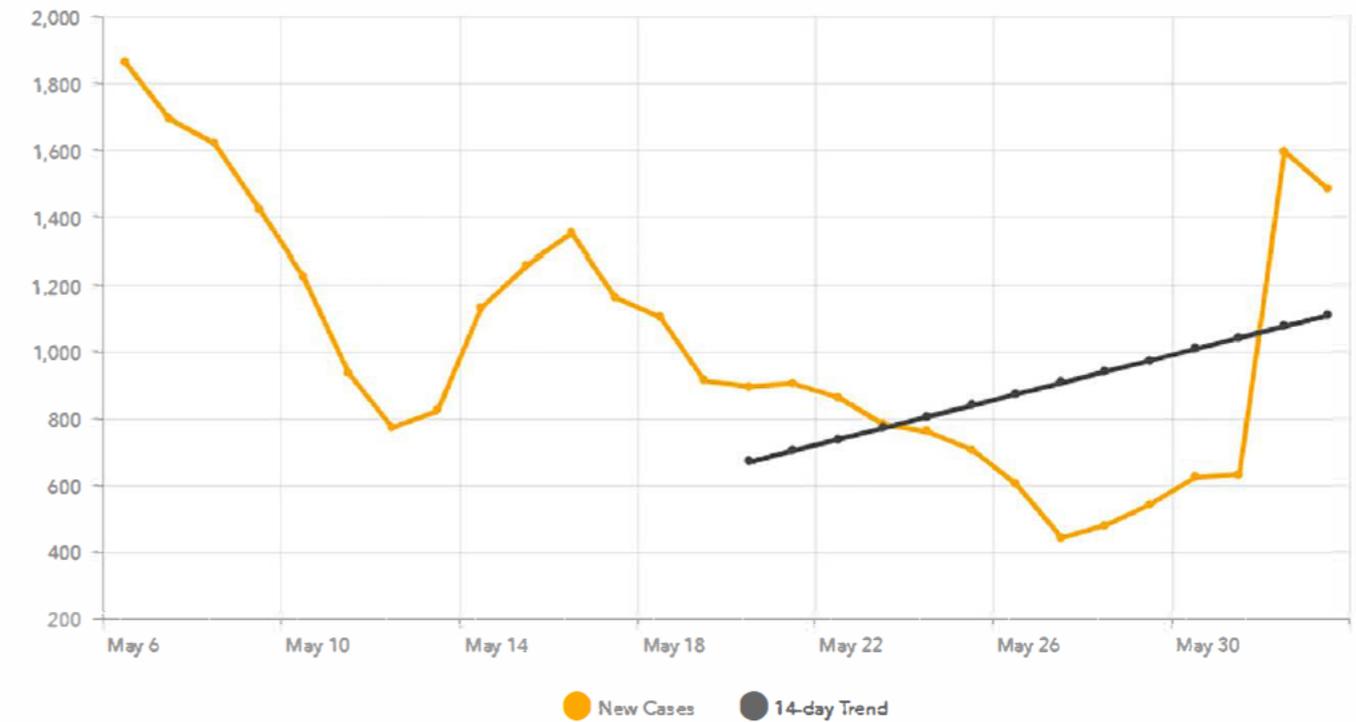
COVID-19 Incidence Rate  
(previous 14 days)

204.9  
cases per 100,000 people

## Criteria II

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Daily New Covid 19 Cases (previous 28 days)



See About Tab for how trend was determined

14 Day Trend

New COVID-19 cases are trending up over the previous 14 days

Goal: Downward trend for 14 days

14 Day Trend

This trend is not statistically significant

p-value = 0.4534