



# COVID-19

## WEEKLY REPORT



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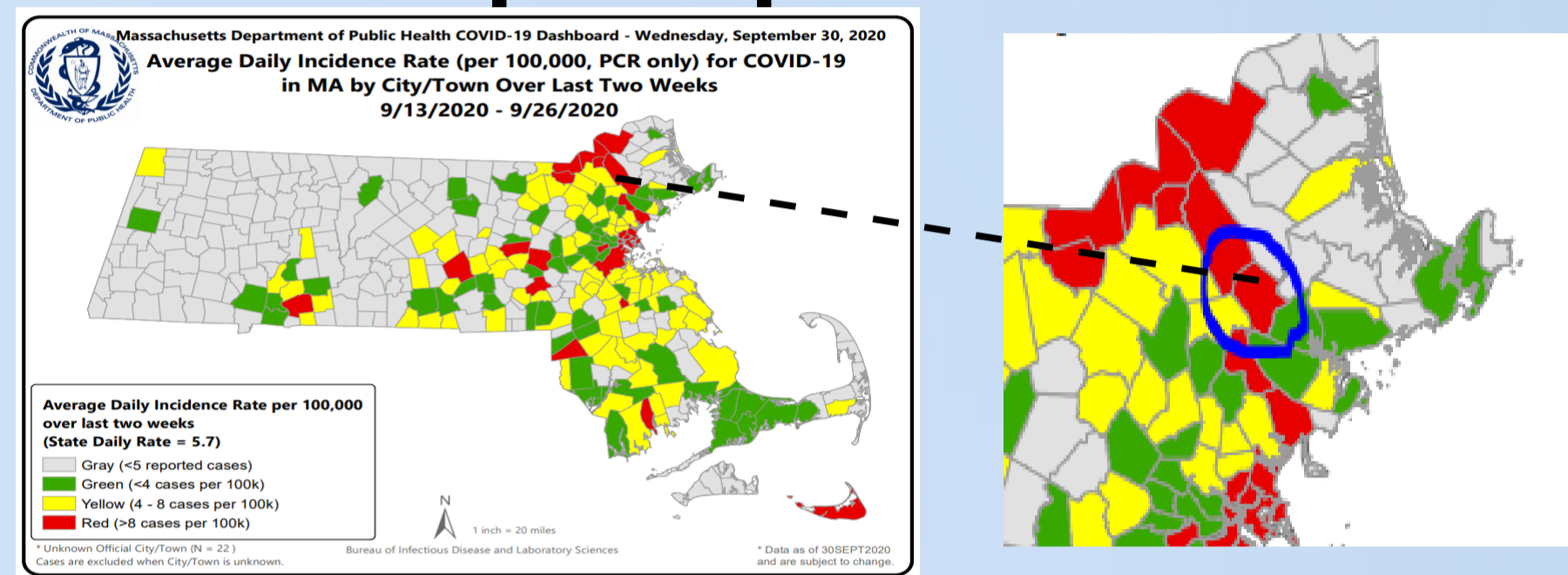
### MIDDLETON BY THE NUMBERS

March to Present  
**COVID-19 CASES** **100**  
Middleton Residents@ Large  
Recovered: 92  
Active Cases: 2  
Mortalities: 6

March to Present  
**COVID-19 CASES** **118**  
Middleton Jail & DYS

**Aggregate: 218**

### State Moves Middleton To **Higher Risk Community** on COVID 19 Map: Important Information below:



Over the past week, the Essex County House of Correction (aka Middleton Jail) has seen a sharp increase in COVID-19 positive cases (>20 cases). The increase started as a cluster in one ward, but is now within 3 wards within the facility. The correctional facility has their own medical staff and handles the surveillance within the institution. The local health department communicates with the facility when warranted.

The Town of Middleton Health Department continues to do contract tracing for cases within the community (excluding the jail). Currently, there is only 2 active cases (at large) as of date (10/2/20) for Middleton separate from the correctional facility. Based on recent contact tracing, there is NO known evidence of community spread between the positive cases at the correctional facility and the community at large.

Due to the recent rise in Correctional Facility positive numbers, Middleton has been categorized as a high risk (red designation on the map) community.

The Middleton Health Department requested that Middleton not be penalized from entering the Phase 3 Step 2 progression commencing Oct 5th for low risk communities. Unfortunately, The State of MA DPH indicated that Middleton could not move into Phase 3 Step 2 regardless of the jail case count due to the Governor's reopening process (orders).

It is important to note that community decisions are not based on the map color or one cluster alone, and rather, we look at the past weeks of community data and we examine all the cases and all the data to make community decisions.

The Health Department will continue to request for change with the State in order to separate the at large data and correctional facility.



### Middleton Drive Thru Influenza Vaccination Clinic:

- **Saturday October 17, 2020**
- **Howe Manning School**
- **26 Central Street, Middleton**
- **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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