

Critical periods, critical time points and day-of-the-week effects in COVID-19 surveillance data: an example in Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA

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Supplementary Table S1. Non-pharmaceutical intervention phases in accordance with Massachusetts state and Middlesex County, Massachusetts COVID-19 health advisories identified from numerous sources [S1-S72]. We provide start dates for each mandate and a brief explanation of the mandate required. We divide mandates by statewide announcements (complementing non-pharmaceutical intervention phases reported in Table 1), Middlesex County testing policies, vaccination-related policies, and county-level university and secondary school closures.

Start Date	Description
Statewide Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions	
24 March 2020	MA stay-at-home (SAH) advisory. Nonessential businesses ordered to close physical workplaces, and restaurants and bars restricted to offering takeout and delivery.
06 May 2020	Face coverings mandated in public places where social distancing is not possible
18 May 2020	MA SAH advisory changed to a "safer-at-home" advisory
01 August 2020	MA visitors returning from out of state required to fill out a form and quarantine for two weeks.
07 August 2020	Gov. Baker announced postponement of Phase III-2 reopening, intensifying enforcement of COVID-19 regulation, and reducing number of people allowed at private outdoor events from 100 to 50.
05 October 2020	Gov. Baker announced that 'lower risk' communities would be allowed to move into Phase III-2 of reopening, increasing indoor and outdoor performance venues to 50% capacity, up to 250 people. Fitting rooms could open in retail stores, and gyms, museums, libraries, and driving and flight schools could increase capacity to 50%.
22 October 2020	MADPH closing indoor ice rinks following clusters of COVID-19 at various rinks
02 November 2020	Gov. Baker announced statewide curfew for businesses and tighter limit on number of people allowed to gather indoors, and stricter face mask requirements. Indoor businesses must close by 9:30 pm and require restaurants to stop providing table services at the same time.
06 November 2020	Stay-at-home advisory initiated between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am, face coverings required everywhere, 9:30pm closure time for certain businesses
26 December 2020	25% capacity limit for businesses and activities implemented
25 January 2021	"Health clubs, movie theaters, casinos and more" able to stay open past 9:30pm
Middlesex County COVID-19 Testing Policies	
28 April 2020	Somerville begins offering free COVID-19 testing to all residents
10 July 2020	Massachusetts begins "Stop the Spread" testing initiative
State and County COVID-19 Vaccination-Related Policies	
11 January 2021	First responders to begin receiving first doses of the vaccine
18 January 2021	Gillette Stadium opens as mass vaccination site
29 January 2021	Fenway Park and Eastfield Mall mass vaccination clinics open
01 February 2021	Phase-II of vaccine program making residents older than 75 eligible for the vaccine, opening a mass vaccination site at Fenway Park.
02 February 2021	Reggie Lewis Center opens as mass vaccination clinic
03 February 2021	Doubletree Hotel mass vaccination clinic opens
22 February 2021	Natick Mall mass vaccination clinic opens
24 February 2021	Old Circuit City mass vaccination clinic opens
11 March 2021	Teachers and daycare providers eligible to sign up for appointments to receive the vaccine

22 March 2021	Hynes Convention Center mass vaccination site opens and is fully operational
County-Level School Closures	
07 March 2020	University Spring Break periods ranging from start dates of March 7th to March 20th
15 March 2020	K-12 schools closed statewide
18 March 2020	Childcare programs closed statewide, and emergency childcare programs created
20 April 2020	Spring break for public high schools in Middlesex county
07 May 2020	Universities in Middlesex County begin summer break with start dates ranging from May 7th to May 20th
16 May 2020	Summer break begins for public high schools in Middlesex county with start dates ranging from June 15th to June 18th
26 June 2020	Childcare facilities authorized for reopening statewide
10 August 2020	Universities in Middlesex County begin term with start dates ranging from Aug 10th to Sep 8th
15 August 2020	College of the Holy Cross counts 20 positive COVID-19 cases among students after an off-campus party
16 August 2020	Boston University and Clark University begin moving students into on-campus housing
31 August 2020	Term begins for public high schools in Middlesex county with start dates of Aug 31st to Sept 17th
04 September 2020	Four students dismissed without reimbursement of tuition and housing from Northeastern University
22 September 2020	Merrimack college quarantines 266 residents of a dorm after 17 cases of COVID-19 were discovered in that dorm
01 October 2020	Students in public schools with highest needs can return to school in person
15 December 2020	Universities in Middlesex County begin winter break with start dates ranging from Dec 15th to Dec 23rd
24 December 2020	Winter break for public high schools in Middlesex county
25 January 2021	Universities in Middlesex begin term, with start days from Jan 25th to Mar 1st
15 February 2021	Mid-winter break for public high schools in Middlesex county

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