



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: John C. Curran, Town Manager

CC: Cathy O'Dea, Clancy Main

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report, April 26, 2021

DATE: April 23, 2021

Farmers Market

This office met with Crystal Thomas from the Farmers Market. They currently have a pending 501C4 and a bank account application. Once these are approved, they will be able to move forward with acquiring insurance. Jean Bushnell has drafted a MOU that will be shared with the farmers market later this week.

Fire Station

The Fire Station is continuing to make progress. Attached below are some progress pictures from late last week. The Town has run into a minor issue with the masonry sub-contractor. The Town has strong contractual language and hopes that this issue will be quickly resolved.

Vining & Ditson

Fencing has gone up at both sites and screening will follow shortly. A pre bid meeting will take place on April 27 for a General Contractor. At this time 11 firms have pulled the documents. It also has been approved by both the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission.



Photo 2: Installation of the interior CMU non-shear walls.

Howe School

The bids for general and sub contractors are currently being advertised. They are due back in the middle of May. Mark and Linda Lessard signed the settlement agreement and accepted the payment. Three stipulations of dismissals and a letter to DEP withdrawing the request for a superseding order of conditions have been sent to the Lessard's attorney. I am awaiting confirmation that the documents have been filed with the court and the DEP.



Photo 1: Installation of the gypsum wall and window blocking at the bunker rooms façade.

Webinar ID: 880 2595 8865

Professional Recognition – Mike DeVito, Conservation Land Use Assistant

Mike DeVito was recently tasked with a difficult wetlands and construction project. Mike was able to help facilitate the process for the homeowners and make everything as simple as possible. The homeowners were extremely thankful for Mike's efforts and assistance with the project. I wanted to take a moment to recognize his hard work in front of the Board.

Assessors Department Move

The clerical staff and future director of the Assessor's office is being temporarily moved to the 2nd floor. The sound level generated by the air conditioner creating an unpleasant environment for the clerical staff. The Town is currently exploring the issue and installing a new chiller / condenser unit. Signs have been posted throughout Town Hall to alert residents of the change.

Level 1 Drought

Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides declared a level 1 mild drought throughout the Northeast Region of Massachusetts due to below normal precipitation, streamflow, and groundwater. The State of Massachusetts limits water use to 65 gallons per person per day. Billerica

Town Meeting

Town Meeting will take place at the High School at 10AM on May 8th with caucuses starting at 9AM. Town Meeting will also take place in the same format as last session. We will not be using the auditorium this time. All precincts will be in classrooms. The Town will also continue to hold zoom info sessions the information is below.

Info Session

April 27th - 7:00PM - Non Zoning Articles
May 4th - 7:00PM - All Zoning Articles

Zoom Info for Both Info Sessions

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
When: Apr 27 & May 4, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Zoom Info Session

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88025958865>

Or Telephone:
US: +1 929 205 6099

residents average about 59 gallons per day. Billerica is permitted to withdraw 1,949,100,000 gallons of water a year. In the past years Billerica has hundreds of millions of gallons to spare. The entire state of Massachusetts is in at least a level 1 drought except the island region. The Southeast Region is in a level 2 drought. These are state mandated actions.

Billerica EMS COVID-19 Grant

Last summer the EMS wrote and received a grant for helmets that were a combo face shield and an advanced respiratory protection system. These are also known as PAPR’s and are widely used throughout the healthcare field. These will help protect the EMS against current and future airborne infections. The Town received 18 Max Air PAPR’s and they each cost close to \$1,000 each.

COVID 19 Update

The Town is more on par with the county and the state than it was last week. Billerica is a yellow community again. The Easter spike seems to have passed. At least the Town is moving in the right direction again.

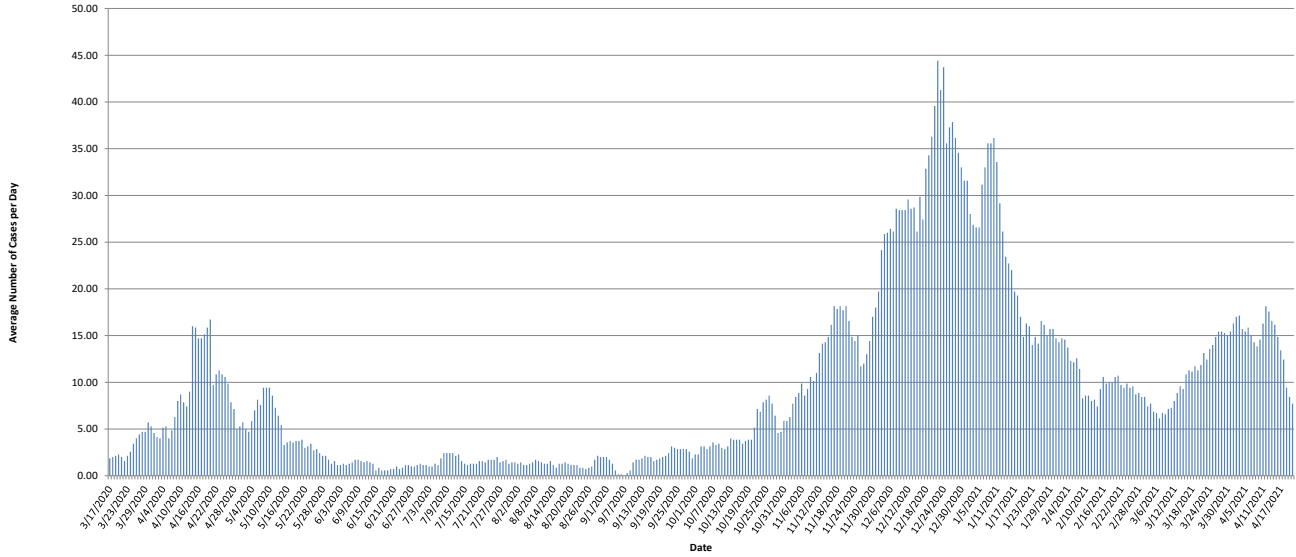


Long Term Care Facilities	117
Middlesex House of Corrections	90
Health Care Workers	117
Apartment Complexes	300
Deaths	35
Active Cases	119
Recovered Cases	3652
Total Cases to Date	3806
Cases per 100,000	21.67
Seven Day Case Average	7.71
Number of Cases last 14 days	132
Positivity Rate	4.15
Billerica Status	

Friday, April 23, 2021

Source: Billerica Board of Health

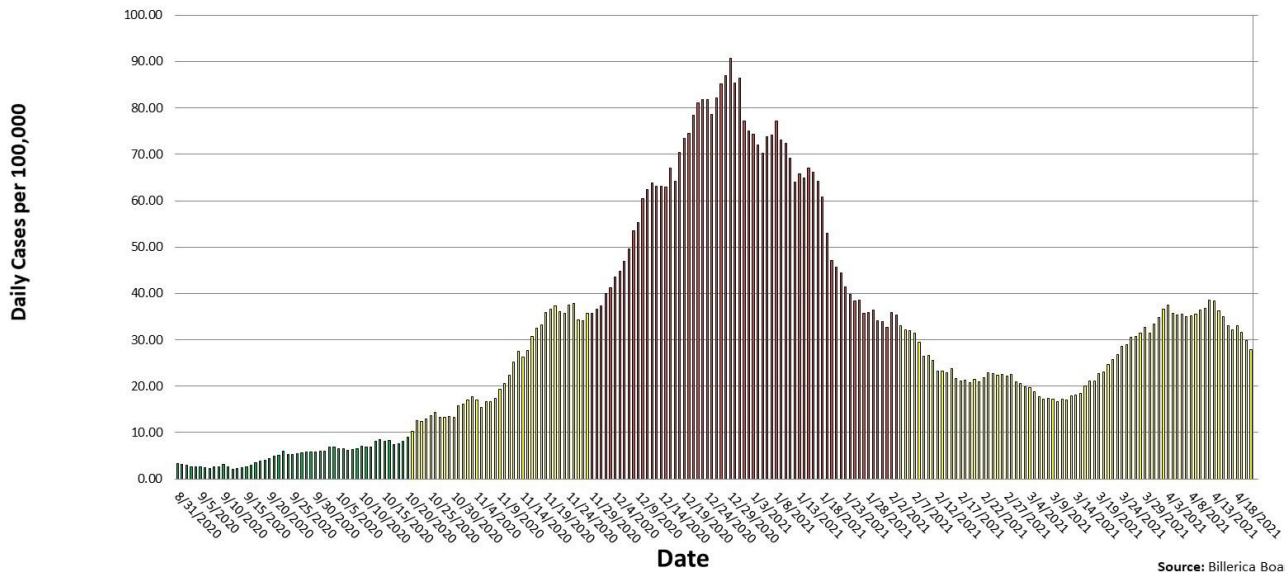
**Town of Billerica COVID 19 Cases
7 Day Average (As of April 21th)**



Source: Billerica Board of Health

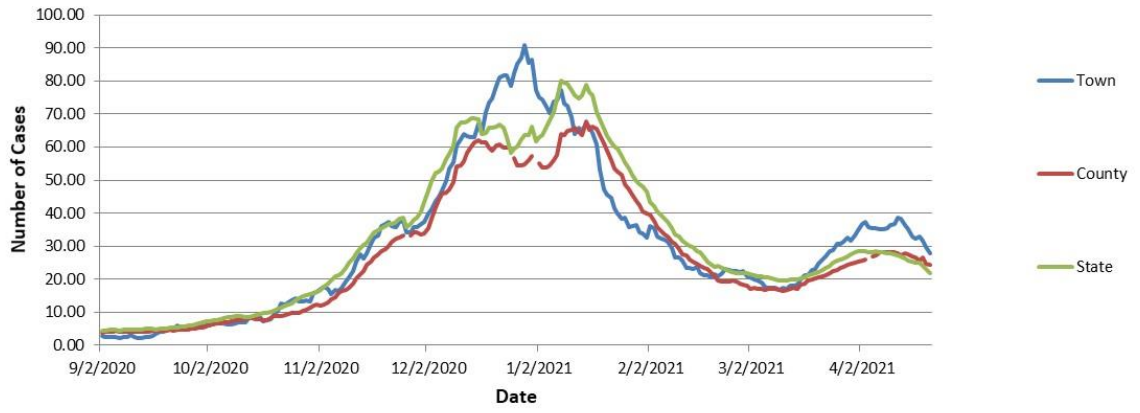
**Town of Billerica
Average Daily Cases per 100,000 People**

Less than 10 cases per 100k per day = Green
Greater than 10 cases per 100k per day and less than
or equal to 5% positivity testing rate = Yellow
Billerica's positivity rate is 5.04%



Source: Billerica Board of Health

Billerica vs. County and Commonwealth Average Cases per 100,000 people over 7 days



Source: Billerica Board of Health