DEAF, INC.’S MISSION IS TO INSPIRE PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS THROUGH ACCESSIBLE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. WE BUILD BRIDGES ACROSS COMMUNITIES BY INCREASING COMMUNICATION ACCESS AND AWARENESS.

WHAT’S UP?
August 21, 2020 new vlog posted!
New COVID-19 updates posted weekly with captions in both English and Spanish.

Nuevas actualizaciones de COVID-19 publicadas semanalmente, con subtítulos en inglés y español.

Click here for vlog

See inside for Upcoming Events on Zoom
- ADA Part 1 and Part 2
- Nutrition Talk
- HLAA’s FCC Accessibility for people with hearing loss
- MSAD’s General meeting

Stay Tuned for:
- Face Masks and Hearing Loss: Practical Tips and Strategies Wed Sep. 9, 2-3pm
- All About Utilities Tues Sept 15, 1:15-2:30pm
- Want to know about Voting? Wed Sept 16, 3:15-4:30pm
All staff continue to provide IL services remotely Mon-Fri.

VP: Can VP? Make a VP appointment
Email: Can email? Email your staff
Phone: Can phone? Call your staff

Can’t VP? Can’t email? Can’t phone?
Ask staff for appointment. Staff must have approval first.

Open for in-person appointments on Tuesdays & Thursdays!

**Appointment & Face Mask Required.**

**Sorry, no** walk-in/frog services.

- Boston Office
- Lawrence Office
- New Bedford Office
- Salem Office

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Office Locations: Allston • Hyannis • Lawrence • New Bedford • Salem • Taunton
# of Cases MAP
Your town now has a Color Code!!
Red: 9+ cases per 100k people
Yellow: 4-8 cases per 100k people
Green: 1-3 cases per 100k people
White: 4 or fewer reported cases total

Click link for most recent data:

Current RED towns are:
South Hadley, Brockton, Lawrence, Salem, Lynn, Saugus, Revere, Chelsea, Everett, Winthrop

Rate Change MAP
Your town now has a Color Coded PIN!!
Red Pin: Number of COVID cases are increasing
Green Pin: Number of COVID cases are decreasing
Yellow Pin: No change in number of COVID cases
Interested in learning about your ADA Rights?

This is a two part Zoom Workshop.
Part 1 Wednesday, August 26th 1:30-2:30 pm
Part 2 Wednesday, September 2nd 1:30-2:30 pm

Hosted by Matt Kelley Long-Term Support Services Coordinator/IL Outreach Specialist

Contact DEAF, Inc. Front Desk for the Zoom Information
(617)-505-4823 VP/VOICE
Zoom Workshop

Presentation by: Samantha McDonald

Tues, September 1, 2020
10:00am to 11:30am

- How can you make your meals healthier?
- Healthy recipes will be shared
- Bring your own healthy recipes
- Trivia game!

Interested? Please contact Frontdesk@deafinonline.org or call 617-505-4823 to get the Zoom ID number and password
Receive a call from “MA COVID-19 Team”? Answer it! You may have been in contact with coronavirus.
Where do I get a COVID-19 TEST?

Check the website for testing locations


What is the difference between Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19?

- Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19 are both contagious
- Both are caused by different viruses.
  - COVID-19 - new coronavirus (called SARS-CoV-2)
  - Flu - influenza viruses
- Symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar
- It can be hard to know if sick with flu or COVID-19.

Get your flu vaccine shot

There is **no vaccine** for COVID-19
If you travel to another state NOT on this list:

As of Aug 17, 2020, COVID-19 lower-risk states are:
ME, CT, NH, NJ, VT, NY

you must complete and submit a Massachusetts Travel form

and

quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID19 test after arriving in Massachusetts Travel Form: www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-travel-form

Current Lower Risk states
https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order#lower-risk-states-

Where to get a COVID-19 Test
https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing

The Governor's interpreted announcement:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1bWAauaWoU&feature=emb_logo.
Tracking our COVID-19 Response

Green (Trending Better) :
ME, VT, NY, CT

Yellow (Caution):
NH, MA, NJ, PA, WV, MI, CO, NM, OR

Red (Trending Poorly):
RI, DE, MD, VA, NC, KY, OH, IN, AR, WI, MN, NB, MN, WY, UT, AZ, AK

Maroon (Uncontrolled Spread):
Brockton— Curfew 8/22/2020

The City of Brockton citywide curfew
All Brockton residents and visitors
Every night from 11 pm—5 am every morning
Why—Control/ Stop the growing number of COVID-19 cases.
Effective: Saturday, August 22, 2020
Exception: Essential Travel only.

HLAA WEBINAR -
Federal Communications Commission-
Accessibility Updates for People with Hearing Loss

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 @ 2pm

Join HLAA on Wednesday, August 26 at 2 p.m., ET for a special webinar with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Disability Rights Office.

A panel will cover the accessibility updates on matters that are important to you, including accessible video programming, emergency communications, and telecommunications. The FCC Disability Rights Office staff look forward to a highly interactive workshop to address your questions and concerns.

To Register: (Registration is required for HLAA webinar)
https://hearingloss.zoom.us/webinar/register/
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OFFICE LOCATIONS: ALLSTON • HYANNIS • LAWRENCE • NEW BEDFORD • SALEM • TAUNTON
Extended to **September 12**

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Free COVID-19 test.
No Symptoms needed
All residents of above towns encouraged to get tested
[www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread)

**Eligibility**
- Open to everyone
- You don’t need to have any symptom(s)
- No cost to you
- Testing open to non-residents of these towns

**Mass 211**
Informational and referral hotline [211](tel:211)

24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
All calls are free and confidential. Interpreter services are available in multiple languages.
SNAP Online Purchasing Program
www.mass.gov/snap-online-purchasing-program

Buy Food Online Using SNAP

Attention MA residents: You can now use SNAP benefits to buy food online at Amazon and Walmart.

How It Works

1. Add your SNAP EBT card to your Amazon and/or Walmart account
2. Shop online for SNAP authorized foods
3. Look for “SNAP EBT eligible” on Amazon
4. Checkout using your EBT PIN:
   - You cannot use cash benefits on an EBT card to pay
   - SNAP benefits cannot be used to pay for shipping or delivery fees
5. Schedule your delivery
6. Available with Amazon and some Walmart locations

To learn more or apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):
www.Mass.gov/SNAPonline

SNAP EBT cards can be used to order food delivery from Amazon and food pick up from Walmart.
MSAD Annual General Meeting
Zoom

MSAD 2020
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

8:45 am ZOOM will open
9:00 am Business Meeting
- Reports
- Bylaws
12 noon Lunch on your own

1:00 pm Workshop
- Details coming soon
2:30 pm Community Chat
- Discussing our plan of action for 2020-2021

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/45876555196
Meeting ID: 458 765 5196

How Do I Wear A Face Covering?

Lip Cover ✗
Chin Guard ✗
Face Mask ✓
### State and Federal Contact Information

| https://www.uscis.gov/coronavirus |
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| Dept. of Transitional Assistance (DTA) | (877) 382-2363 / www.DTAconnect.com |
| Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH) |  |
| ASL Video: https://youtu.be/vTM5PSZiM3Q  
Emergency line: 800-249-9949  
Interpreters: https://www.mcdhh.net/request/  
Case Management:  
VP: 617-326-7546 / Voice: 617-740-1600  
VOCA  
Text: 857-202-7164  
Email: Shannon.Silvestri@mass.gov  
Deaf Recovery Coaches  
VP: 413-347-4094 / Text: 857-488-5440  
Email: Karran.Larson@mass.gov |
| Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) | 617-204-3600  
www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-rehabilitation-commission |
| Social Security Offices (SSI, SSA, SSDI) | 1-800-772-1213 / 1-800-325-0778 (TTY)  
www.socialsecurity.gov |
| Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) | www.mass.gov/service-details/check-eligibility-for-unemployment-benefits |

### General COVID-19 Info
- Call 211
- https://mass211.org/
- Chat live online

### Sign up for statewide COVID-19 text alerts:
- Text COVIDMA to 888-777 to start receiving alerts
- www.mass.gov/covid19

### Sign up for COVID-19 alerts from City of Boston
- Text BOSCOVID to 99411 to start receiving alerts
**ENJOY THE SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER!**

**Text To 911 Now Available**

State 911 Department Says
“Call if you can, text if you can’t”

Emergency call 911

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**Contact Tracing**

Receive a call from
“MA COVID-19 Team”? 

Answer it!
You may have been in contact with coronavirus.

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**U.S. Census 2020**

U.S Census 2020—ASL
https://youtu.be/1qMSlb1sbXw
https://youtu.be/jfEQvQ_O4b8

REMINDER
Not fill out census form?
Census will come to your door.

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**SAFE SPACE LGBTQIA**

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