

The Road to Reopening and Recovery

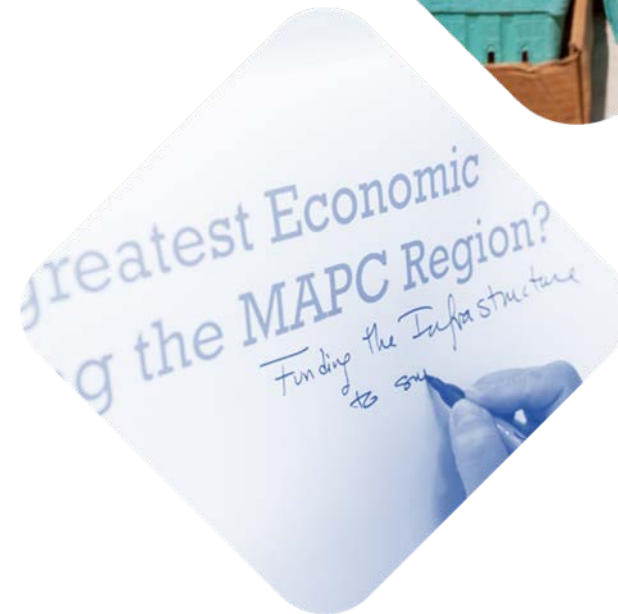
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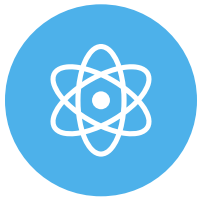
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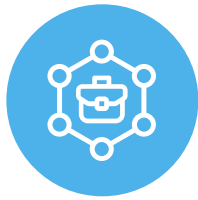
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Our Principles



**Grounded
in science**



**Coordinated
and regional**

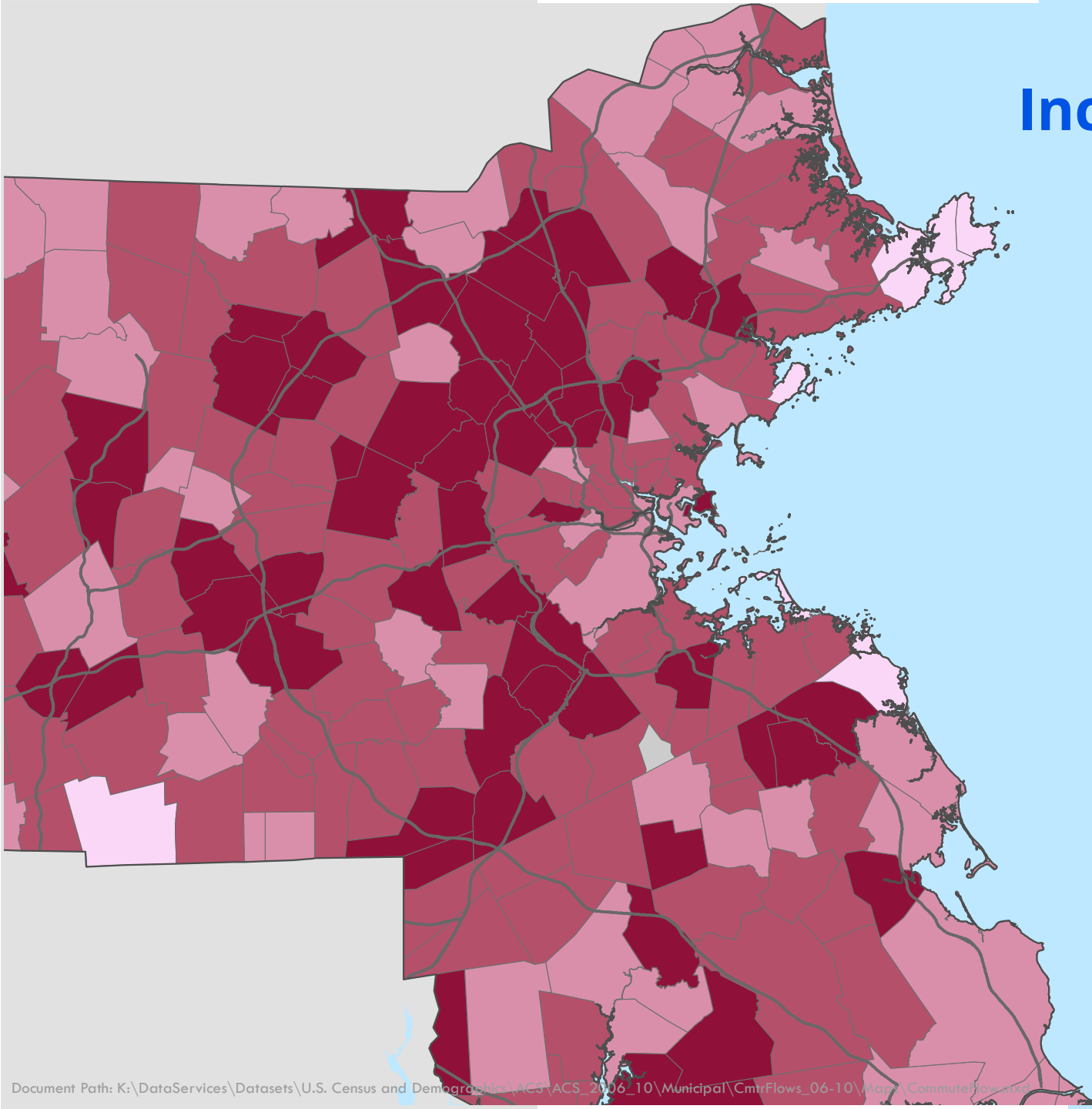


Equitable





**Prioritizes health
and welfare**


Incommuting by Municipality




**Percent of jobs filled by
workers commuting in from
another municipality**

 <50%

 50% - 64.9%

 65% - 79.9%

 80% - 94.9%

 Interstate Highways

0 5 10 15 Miles

Source: ACS 2006-2010





Equity

Increase testing in our frontline communities to quickly identify hotspots

Quarantine and Isolation facilities remain open and sensitive to community needs

Accessible reopening guidelines and contact guidelines and contact tracing in multiple languages

Safe Recreational opportunities for all income levels

Special help and financial support for neighborhood businesses in frontline communities



Coordination & Communication



Notice

Cities and Towns need **at least 72 hours** of notice before moving into each reopening phase and 48 hours before changes to any guidance

Closure triggers

Identification of closure metrics and a clear shutdown plan when hotspots are identified

Public Marketplace for PPE and Sanitization

Municipalities should not have to compete with private industry to obtain these goods

Ongoing Involvement

Input from cities and towns to inform on-going decisions

Local Authority

The state should clearly outline and not restrict those places where municipalities have local authority to act

Expanding to Community Wide Testing



State needs a clearer framework to guide testing expansion to:

- Set per capita goals for testing (infection and antibody);
- Conduct more broad surveillance testing to aide modeling;
- Ensure sufficient and regular testing of high-risk populations and communities;
- Target tracking of disease prevalence trends by municipality and share data on percent positive cases by municipality

Framework to expand testing should prioritize equitable access using indicators, such as:

- Levels of chronic disease in a community
- Race, ethnicity, income
- Existing testing capacity in a community, especially in high-risk communities

State should develop protocols to ensure adequate testing of symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals:

- Site based and Mobile testing
- Home-based testing (if/when it becomes available)



More Comprehensive Reporting of Testing

Enhance quality and reliability of current test reporting

- Conduct twice weekly audits to ensure all data points are complete in reporting

Cities and towns need a more accurate and comprehensive picture

- Range of positive case rates in Metro Boston: Chelsea (5900 per 100K) to Norfolk (180 per 100K)

Add new test reporting data points to state dashboard (available to cities and towns):

- Overall testing by resident's home municipality – positive cases and total tests
- Testing capacity by site and municipality
- Testing mix: symptomatic and asymptomatic residents
- Testing type: diagnostic vs serological



Ensuring Safe Isolation and Quarantine for all who need it

Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC)

- Providing information about safe quarantine at home or in facilities

Develop and Disseminate Household Guidance and Support for Stay At Home Quarantine

- Household Playbook
- Connections to Local Support

Standalone Isolation and Quarantine Sites

- Maintain Regional Isolation Facilities
- Create Quarantine Guidelines for a Variety of Multi-Family, Congregate Housing and Shelter Settings
- Ensure Quarantine Facilities are available

Main Street Business

Health, Safety and Workforce Development

Provide clear guidance regarding health and safety practices for small businesses.

Mandatory health and safety practices

- Continued telework/work from home when possible
- PPE; cleaning and disinfecting
- Maximum operating capacity during each phase
- Daily symptom check
- Social distancing measures
- Paid sick time off

Other practices to encourage:

- Contactless payment
- Logging customer contact information
- Reopening by appointment or reservation only



Provide support for small businesses to access PPE

Provide technical assistance for neighborhood businesses to adopt a new business model

Assist with a robust statewide marketing and shop local campaign



Main Street Business

Outdoor Vending and Regulatory Support

Indicate its support for creative solutions to retail and sales. Specify to cities and towns that have the authority to use local roads and public spaces to encourage this.

- Facilitate curbside pickup
- Allow sidewalk or street vending
- Allow outdoor seating for restaurants
- Convert public and private parking lots to restaurant and retail space
- Create street markets
- Activate plazas for commerce
- Provide state guidance for distancing, safety, and sanitation

Enforcement

Municipalities should have the authority to require a more robust safety plan before businesses can reopen

Municipalities should have authority to shut down a business for noncompliance.

Provide funding for municipalities to hire additional enforcement staff:

- Help municipalities maintain existing key public health positions.
- Opportunity to pursue a shared or regional staffing model.
- Technical assistance for complex cases.



Transportation



Prioritize MBTA bus service to support frontline service workers

Issue guidance on how cities and towns can repurpose vehicle lanes for dedicated bus and bike lanes

Expand Park and Pedal locations

An aerial photograph of a town, likely in New England, showing a dense residential area with many houses and some commercial buildings. In the background, there is a large, forested hill. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text 'THANK YOU!' is prominently displayed in the upper left quadrant.

THANK YOU!

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