

# The Public Health Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Cambridge

COVID-19 WEEKLY REPORT

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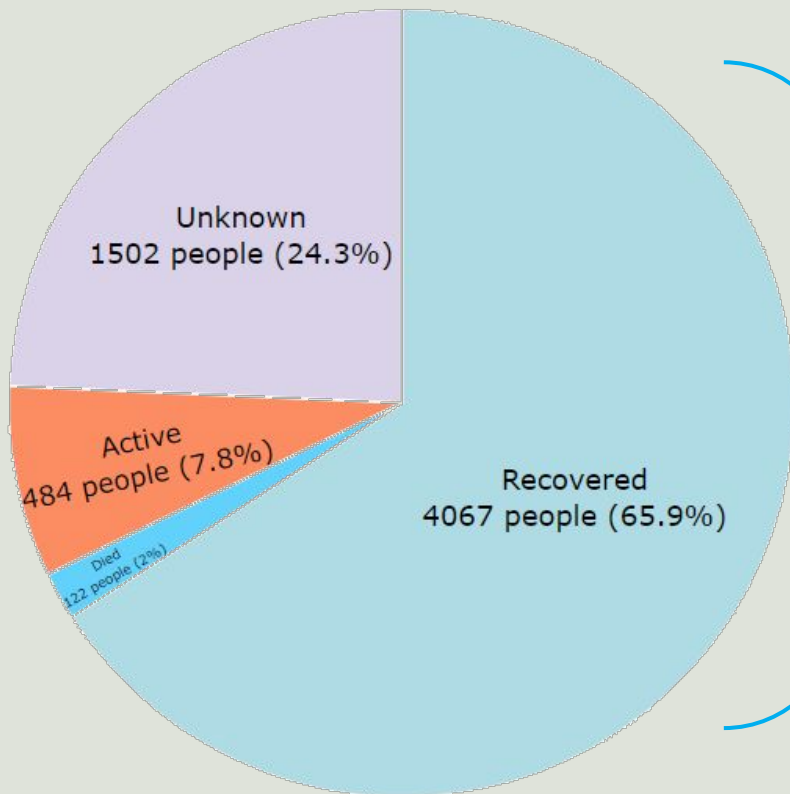


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# Case Snapshot (as of May 7)

As of last week, Cambridge moved from being a moderate risk community to a low-risk **GREEN LEVEL** community.



## 6,175 Total Cases<sup>1</sup>

(confirmed, probable and suspect)

- 5,871 in the community
- 304 cases in long-term care

## 122 Deaths<sup>1</sup>

- 62% of deaths were among LTC residents

## Active Cases<sup>1</sup>

- 8% of all cases are active

## 4.7 Confirmed Cases per 100,000<sup>1</sup>

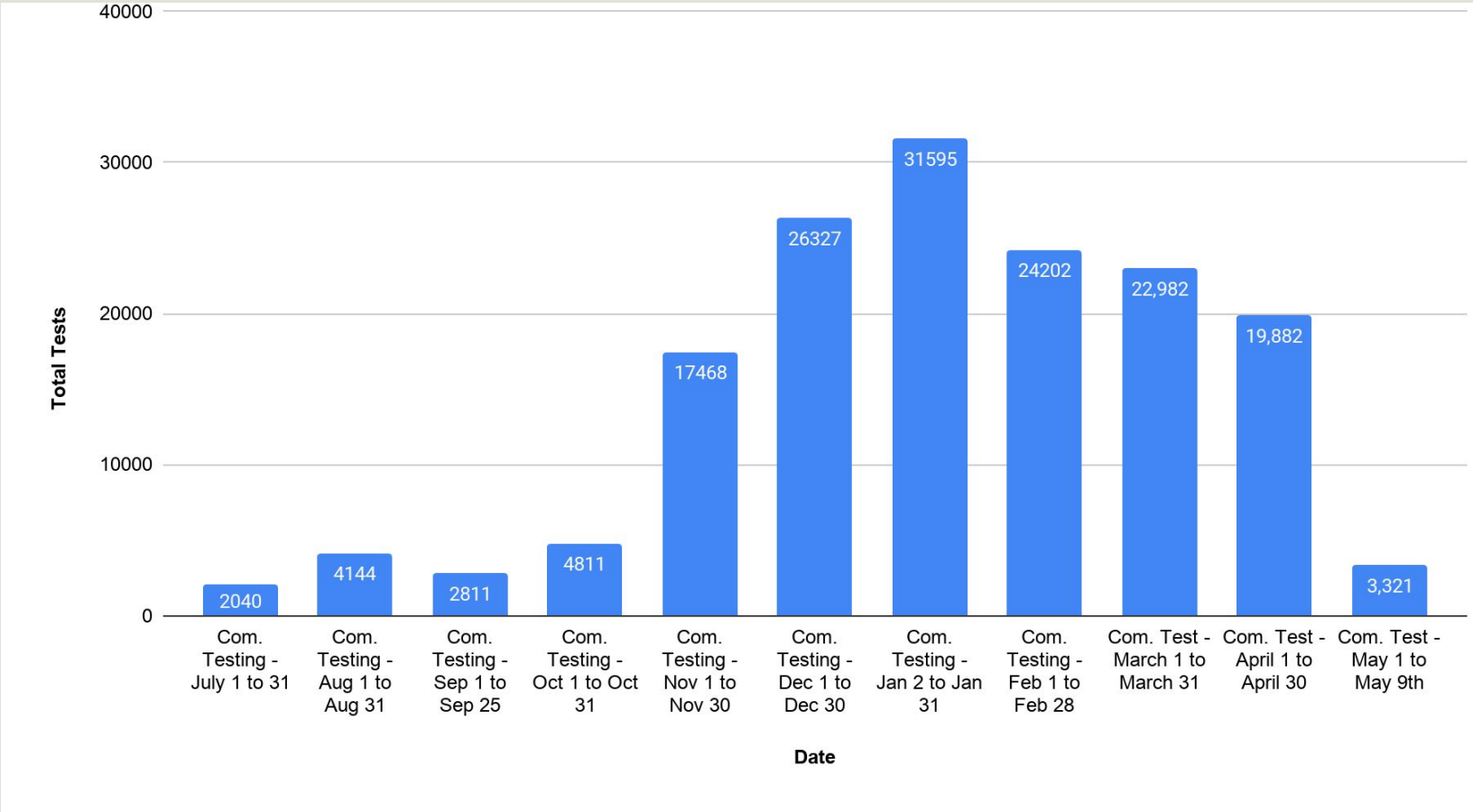
(7-day average for April 30–May 6)

## Test Positivity<sup>2</sup>

- 0.32% (2-week period ending May 1)

Sources: <sup>1</sup>Cambridge Public Health Department data, accessed on May 7, 2021 @ 5 pm; <sup>2</sup>Massachusetts Department of Public Health Weekly COVID-19 Interactive Dashboard, May 6, 2021.

# COVID-19 Community Testing in Cambridge



# State Reopening Updates

**Additional outdoor reopening** (per Governor Baker) in Phase 4, Step 2 for some industries goes into effect today:

- Amusement parks and some other outdoor industries will be able to reopen at 50% capacity.
- Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high risk sports.
- Road races and other outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events.
- Singing indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues, and other businesses.

**The City of Cambridge is remaining in Phase IV, Step 1 until further notice.**

# State Vaccine Update

- **56% of Massachusetts residents** have received at least one dose of vaccine, as of May 4.<sup>1</sup>
- On May 1, Governor Baker announced the opening of the **Metro North COVID-19 Vaccine Partnership.**
  - Vaccination sites now open in Somerville, Medford, and Everett
- Mass vaccination sites, CVS, and other sites now allow walk-ins.



*Assaad Sayah, MD, CHA CEO and the City's Commissioner of Public Health, opened Gov. Baker's May 5 press briefing at the Metro North vaccination site in Everett.*

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Department of Public Health Weekly COVID-19 Municipality Vaccination Report, May 4, 2021.

# City Vaccine Update

**The Cambridge Pandemic Collaborative (CPC)** began administering vaccines in early January.

- As of May 8, **4,107** people had received at least one dose of (*Moderna*) or the single-shot (*J&J*) vaccine at City-run clinics.
- During the week of May 3–8, 445 single dose *J&J* vaccines were administered at the Reservoir Church and CambridgeSide vaccine clinics.



*State Representative Steve Owens (center) visited the Reservoir Church clinic on Saturday, May 8. Pictured with CFD Lt. Mike Donovan and CPHD Assoc. Chief of Clinical Services, Tracy-Rose Tynes, RN.*

## City Vaccine Update (as of May 4)

# Vaccination Race/Ethnicity Data

The proportion of residents by race and ethnicity who have received **at least one dose of vaccine** in Cambridge and the state:

Race/Ethnicity	Cambridge <sup>1</sup>	MA <sup>2</sup>
<b>Asian</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Black</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Hispanic/Latinx</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>33%</b>
Multiracial	50%	62%
White	60%	55%
Other/Unknown	<i>+5% of population</i>	<i>+5% of population</i>
Total % of all residents who have received at least one dose	62%	56%

<sup>1</sup>MA Department of Public Health Weekly COVID-19 Municipality Vaccination Report, May 6, 2021.<sup>2</sup> MA Department of Public Health Weekly Vaccine Report, May 6, 2021. Data for Cambridge and Massachusetts are current as of May 4, 2021.

## City Vaccine Update (as of May 4)

# Vaccination Age and Gender Data

The proportion of residents who have received **at least one dose of vaccine** by age and gender:

	Cambridge <sup>1</sup>	MA <sup>2</sup>
0-19 Years	13%	11%
20-29 Years	59%	51%
30-49 Years	72%	64%
50-64 Years	86%	75%
65-74 Years	89%	88%
75+ Years	95%	88%
Female	63%	59%
Male	61%	52%

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# COVID-19 Vaccine Communications

## Communications Campaign

- City conducted multi-faceted outreach to advertise Reservoir Church and CambridgeSide clinics:
  - Citywide code red (calls, texts, email).
  - Communications sent to the faith community, neighborhood associations, My Brother's Keeper and NAACP, business community, especially restaurants.
  - Notice to City employees and DHSP program participants, as well as employees of CambridgeSide.
  - Flyers dropped off at CambridgeSide, Danehy Park, and other locations.

## Clinician Speakers Bureau

- May 15: Forum for Haitian community (in Haitian Creole)
- May 27: Forum for Spanish-speakers (in Spanish)

# Behind the Numbers

Behind the numbers, there is a dedicated and trained staff that has responded to the pandemic with expertise, bravery, and compassion. I would like to honor one of them tonight by using the words submitted by CPHD staff to honor Shamsheer in the *Boston Globe*:

*Shamsheer Bam has been a public health nurse with CPHD for 16 years and has worked tirelessly and passionately to care for the Cambridge community. He has spearheaded City-run COVID-19 vaccine clinics, conducted an enormous amount of contact tracing for positive cases, and continues to work in the health department's TB clinic during the pandemic. **Shamsheer is as humble as they come -- a quiet and unknown hero.***

