Fran Fortino <ffortino79@gmail.com> Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:43 PM

Sent: To:

OConnor, Ron (DPH); Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Subject:

Fwd: CQVID19 info sharing

Attachments:

2020 UPDATE03E CORONA HEALTH INFO _ DISPATCH.pdf

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Povich, Lon F (EHS)

Sent:

Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:52 PM

To:

Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Subject:

Re: COVID19 info sharing

Pls call

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

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Hi Lon,



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Kelly

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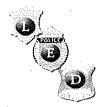
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Lyons, Thomas H. (ELD)

Sent:

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:55 AM

To:

Mangan, Thomas (EHS); Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); Torgerson, Sharon (EHS)

Cc:

Scales, Ann (DPH)

Subject:

RE: Reporter looking into towns not reporting individual cases

Ann this is the same issue that we dealt with last week – it is not accurate. The decision to release is a local decision but we just ask them to protect privacy.

It's here on the website: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-information-for-local-boards-of-health#resources-for-communicating-with-the-public-

And here's the relevant section:

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From: Mangan, Thomas (EHS)

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:46 AM

To: Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); Torgerson, Sharon (EHS) Cc: Scales, Ann (DPH); Lyons, Thomas H. (ELD)

Subject: Re: Reporter looking into towns not reporting individual cases

Looping in Kelly and Sharon

Thank you,

--Tom

Tom Mangan COVID-19 Response Command Center 857.276.1454 (cell)

From: "Scales, Ann (DPH)" < Ann. Scales@MassMail.State.MA.US>

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 11:44 AM

To: "Lyons, Thomas H. (ELD)" < Thomas.H.Lyons@mass.gov>, Thomas Mangan

<Thomas.Mangan2@mass.gov>

Subject: FW: Reporter looking into towns not reporting individual cases

Is this true – Tom and Tom? Are we in fact providing these reports?

From: Dunlop, Kiernan [mailto:kdunlop@s-t.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:37 AM

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Thanks, Kiernan

Kiernan Dunlop

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RE: DPH - COVID -19 Enforcement Concerns

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Director, Privacy & Data Compliance Office
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Boston, MA 02108

From: OConnor, Ron (DPH)

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From: Jeffrey Silva [mailto:jsilva@westwoodpd.org]

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Sir,

In response to your email, I have enclosed an email I sent to Norm Fournier from the State 911 Department. I have since spoken by telephone with Norm and Frank Pozniak, with no resolution. The conversation was professional and congenial, but there was no resolution.

I am not sure if my email to Norm (included) below accurately captures my tone and intent, but to the extent it may not, I am happy to speak with you by telephone to explain my position. The Reader's Digest version of my concern is mostly contained in last sentences. With all due respect to everyone involved, I am looking for the official order that effectively changes the law as outlined in Commissioner Bharel's order, versus an administrative instruction in an email from someone who has no more legal authority to change the law than I do. Again, this is not meant to be offensive or disrespectful, but as a police chief and an attorney, I have real constitutional and due process concerns regarding the manner in which this instruction was conveyed that I would like answered before I start acting as Norm's email suggests. So that I do not identify and problem without proposes a solution, I suggested to both Norm and Frank that an order from Commissioner Bharel, acting under the same authority as her first order, communicating what Norm Fournier said in his email would suffice.

I appreciate everyone's efforts, and I thank you for your efforts during what I know is an incredibly challenging time.

Best regards,

Chief Jeffrey P. Silva
Westwood Police Department
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781.366.5516 | cell
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FBINA 241

Norm,

Thank you for getting back to me as I know this is a busy time for all of us.

While I know it has nothing to do with you, let me start by saying that I have always been of the opinion that police and fire chiefs should have the names and the addresses of patients infected with the COVID-19 virus. These patients travel, get in car accidents, get into domestic disturbances and need medical care outside of their home address, so having only the home address is insufficient in my opinion. HIPPA is a federal law, created by the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), with permissible exemptions in the CFR specifically allowing this type of information to be disseminated to entities like, but not limited to, police and fire departments. This opinion seems to be shared by Attorney John Sofis Scheft, longtime trainer for the Municipal Police Training Committee, author of several text books on a wide variety of Massachusetts and federal laws, and former Assistant Attorney General, as cited below in an excerpt from his recent training bulletin on this very topic.

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When this COVID-19 pandemic first started, I was frustrated as to why my Health Director was not giving us (police and fire) any information knowing we are responding to, interacting with, and possibly treating or transporting these sick patients, and knowing further that this information could prevent us from getting sick or from spreading the virus causing others to get sick. I knew that HIPPA allowed us to be notified, so I could not understand why we were not being notified. He claimed that was the direction he had been given "from the state", but it made no sense to me.

As several other police chiefs were experiencing these same frustrations and communicating them to our respective organizations, a short time later, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association (MCOPA) forwarded the below listed Order from Commissioner Bharel, MD, MPH of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) regarding the sharing of <u>addresses only</u> for patients who had tested positive for COVID-19.



CHARLES D. BAKER

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Department of Public Health
250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108-4619

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ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING TE SHARING OF CRITICAL INFORMATION WITH FIRST RESPONDERS

On March 10, 2020, Governor Charles D. Baker declared a state of emergency Commonwealth to respond to the spread of COVID-19. On March 11, 2020, in view grave threat that the spread of COVID-19 presents to the public health, the Public Health (authorized and directed me to act pursuant to G. L. c. 17, § 2A and to take all appractions, incur such liabilities, and establish such rules, requirements, and procedures neces prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the heat welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.

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All applicable statutes, regulations and guidance not inconsistent with this Order remainin effect.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the state of emergency is terminated by the Governor, or until rescinded by me, whichever shall happen fir

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Monica Bharel, MD, MPH

Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

March 18, 2020

This order was bittersweet. It was sweet in that it clarified to any health directors who were previously sharing nothing, like mine, that they had to tell us the address of COVID-19 infected patients. It was bitter in that we were getting less information than I believe police and fire chiefs were entitled to, and that would be most helpful to allow us to safely do our jobs for all involved.

With that history explained, my questions for you stem from the below copied email written by you and sent out to police chiefs throughout Massachusetts by MCOPA. I have bolded and underlined the specific part of your email listed below that causes me confusion.

COVID-19 Communication - Sharing critical information

This is a communication to the Public Safety Answering Points from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the State 911 Department regarding the sharing of critical information with first responders.

As agreed to by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, please be informed that effective immediately, you are directed to share the information provided to you by your local board of health of the addresses of persons who have been tested positive for COVID-19 with the Fire Chief of the jurisdiction in which an address is located. [Emphasis added]

We are sending this email to multiple distribution lists so you may receive this communication more than once. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards

Norm Fournier
Deputy Executive Director
Massachusetts State 911 Department
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508-828-2585 (f)

The order from Commissioner Bharel, MD, MPH states that, "local boards of health shall disclose to the official [Emphasis added, i.e. singular] with the responsibility for administering the response to emergency calls in their jurisdiction (Receiving Entity) the address of persons living in their jurisdiction who the local board of health has been informed have tested positive for COVID-19."

In Westwood, dispatch for both police and fire is done at the police station, done by dispatchers who are entirely paid for by the police budget, therefore the police chief is "the official with the responsibility for administering the response to emergency calls in their jurisdiction (Receiving Entity) with the address of persons living in their jurisdiction who the local board of health has been informed have tested positive for COVID-19."

As such, my questions are:

- 1) WITH WHOM did the Mass DPH agree, as stated in your email, that "effective immediately, you are directed to share the information provided to you by your local board of health of the addresses of persons who had been tested positive for COVID-19 with the Fire Chief of the jurisdiction in which an address is located."
- 2) WHERE is this "agreement" memorialized or documented, and WHEN did it occur?

I am merely trying to make sure that before I start disseminating information contrary to what has been directed in the Order from Commissioner Bharel, I have documentation beyond an email from you that was forwarded to me from MCOPA to do so. Thank you for your time, and please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Jeffrey P. Silva
Chief of Police
Westwood Police Department
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Westwood, MA 02090
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Scales, Ann (DPH)

Sent:

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:15 PM

To:

Lyons, Thomas H. (ELD); Mangan, Thomas (EHS); Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); Torgerson, Sharon

(EHS

Subject:

RE: Reporter looking into towns not reporting individual cases

I obviously forwarded the wrong inquiry - moving too fast, I guess. I have this response handy. Sorry, guys.

From: Lyons, Thomas H. (ELD)

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:55 AM

To: Mangan, Thomas (EHS); Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); Torgerson, Sharon (EHS)

Cc: Scales, Ann (DPH)

Subject: RE: Reporter looking into towns not reporting individual cases

Ann this is the same issue that we dealt with last week – it is not accurate. The decision to release is a local decision but we just ask them to protect privacy.

It's here on the website: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-information-for-local-boards-of-health#resources-for-communicating-with-the-public-

And here's the relevant section:

In order to protect privacy and confidentiality of individuals who test positive for COVID-19, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health only publicly shares positive case numbers and deaths by county. We understand that many boards of health find value in sharing community-specific data as part of a risk communication plan and to keep the public informed about the scope of the local public health effort. If you choose to share numbers of cases or deaths for these purposes, please do so with the highest regard for privacy and confidentiality by not including any information other than the case count.

From: Mangan, Thomas (EHS)

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:46 AM

To: Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); Torgerson, Sharon (EHS) Cc: Scales, Ann (DPH); Lyons, Thomas H. (ELD)

Subject: Re: Reporter looking into towns not reporting individual cases

Looping in Kelly and Sharon

Thank you, --Tom

Tom Mangan COVID-19 Response Command Center 857.276.1454 (cell) From: "Scales, Ann (DPH)" < Ann.Scales@MassMail.State.MA.US>

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 11:44 AM

To: "Lyons, Thomas H. (ELD)" < Thomas.H.Lyons@mass.gov>, Thomas Mangan

<Thomas.Mangan2@mass.gov>

Subject: FW: Reporter looking into towns not reporting individual cases

Is this true – Tom and Tom? Are we in fact providing these reports?

From: Dunlop, Kiernan [mailto:kdunlop@s-t.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:37 AM

To: Scales, Ann (DPH)

Subject: Reporter looking into towns not reporting individual cases

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Good morning Ann,

I'm working on a story about towns in our coverage area not reporting updates to the number of coronavirus cases while others are. The towns that aren't providing the information are saying they received a directive from DPH not to release that data- is that the case? Are the towns/cities that are releasing the data properly following guidelines/recommendations from DPH? Why do you think those towns/cities want to make those numbers public?

Thanks, Kiernan

Kiernan Dunlop

News Reporter The Standard-Times/ SouthCoastToday.com (508) 979-4475 | kdunlop@s-t.com

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Terrey, Susan (EPS)

Sent:

Wednesday, April 08, 2020 9:31 AM

To:

Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); Povich, Lon F (EHS)

Subject:

RE: Clarification

Thank you Kelly. I spoke with U/S Reidy and Benincasa last night on sending out the guidance – let me push again this a.m.

Susan

From: Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:28 AM To: Povich, Lon F (EHS); Terrey, Susan (EPS)

Subject: Fw: Clarification

Hi Sue,

I'm so sorry to hear about Sec. Turco. We are all sending him best wishes from the Command Center.

Is there any update on communication w/ the Chiefs on the sharing of addresses only with dispatchers?

This issue continues to boil.

Thanks, Kelly

From: Doyle, Jeffrey M (DPH)

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:26 AM To: OConnor, Ron (DPH); Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Subject: Re: Clarification

Good morning-

Checking in on this. MEMA is asking for an update. Is it ok to reply with the following:

The EHS Command Center counsel is working directly with EOPSS to issue a memo regarding the March 18th order.

I recognize that it is not an answer to the original question about clarifying the memo vs. the OCR guidance but at least the above statement relates there is action on it.

Thanks, Jeff From: Ron O'Connor < Ron. OConnor @MassMail. State. MA. US >

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 6:50 PM

To: "Doyle, Jeffrey M (DPH)" < Jeffrey M (DPH)" < Jeffrey.M.Doyle@MassMail.State.MA.US, "Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)"

< Kelly. Driscoll 2@mass.gov > Subject: Re: Clarification

Looping in Kelly

Ron O'Connor, MPH, Director
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617.938.4437 (Cell)

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2020, at 6:47 PM, Doyle, Jeffrey M (DPH) < Jeffrey.M.Doyle@massmail.state.ma.us > wrote:

Hi Ron-

End-of-the-day circling back =]

Are you ok if I share Kelly's response or are we still in a holding pattern?

Thanks, Jeff

From: "Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)" < Kelly.Driscoll2@mass.gov>

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 10:55 AM

To: "Doyle, Jeffrey M (DPH)" < Jeffrey.M.Doyle@MassMail.State.MA.US >, Ron O'Connor

< Ron. OConnor@MassMail.State.MA.US >, "Povich, Lon F (EHS)"

<Lon.F.Povich@MassMail.State.MA.US>

Cc: "Cluett, Scott (DPH)" < William. Scott. Cluett@MassMail. State. MA. US>, Brendan Murphy

< Brendan.P.Murphy@MassMail.State.MA.US>, "Fillo, Katherine (DPH)"

< Katherine.Fillo@MassMail.State.MA.US >, "Brown, Catherine (DPH)"

< Kerin. Milesky@MassMail. State. MA. US>

Subject: Re: Clarification

Hi,

The guidance from DPH is that LBOH can share addresses w/ Dispatchers. This guidance still stands. I know that many town's first responders want more information and EOPSS was drafting language for their chiefs clarifying that the DPH guidance stands. I'm cc'ing Lon Povich, Command Center Counsel, here as he has been in direct contact w/ EOPSS on this.

From: Doyle, Jeffrey M (DPH)

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:37 AM

To: QConnor, Ron (DPH); Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Cc: Cluett, Scott (DPH); Murphy, Brendan P (DPH); Fillo, Katherine (DPH); Brown, Catherine (DPH);

Milesky, Kerin (DPH) Subject: Re: Clarification

Hi Kelly and Ron-

Checking in again to see if you have had a chance to review the request.

Ron, attached are the Q&As from two weeks ago as requested.

Thanks, ieff

Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 at 8:12 AM

To: "OConnor, Ron (DPH)" < Ron.OConnor@MassMail.State.MA.US >, "Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)"

<Kelly.Driscoll2@mass.gov>

Cc: "Cluett, Scott (DPH)" < William.Scott.Cluett@MassMail.State.MA.US>, Brendan Murphy

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< <u>Catherine.Brown@MassMail.State.MA.US</u>>, "Milesky, Kerin (DPH)"

< Kerin. Milesky@MassMail. State. MA. US >

Subject: Re: Clarification

Hi Kelly and Ron-

We just wanted to check in to see if you have been able to review the request.

Thanks, Jeff

From: "OConnor, Ron (DPH)" < Ron.OConnor@MassMail.State.MA.US

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 6:58 PM

To: "Doyle, Jeffrey M (DPH)" < Jeffrey.M. Doyle@MassMail.State.MA.US >, "Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)"

<Kelly.Driscoll2@mass.gov>

Cc: "Cluett, Scott (DPH)" < William.Scott.Cluett@MassMail.State.MA.US >, Brendan Murphy

< Brendan.P.Murphy@MassMail.State.MA.US>, "Fillo, Katherine (DPH)"

< Katherine. Fillo@MassMail. State. MA. US > , "Brown, Catherine (DPH)"

< Catherine. Brown@MassMail. State. MA. US>, "Milesky, Kerin (DPH)"

< Kerin. Milesky@MassMail. State. MA. US>

Subject: RE: Clarification

I think the attached document is the "memo" referenced in Chief Dumas's message at the bottom. Some of us have already seen this — attaching for those who have not seen it.

Ron

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COVID-19 Information for Local Boards of Health - https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-

19-information-for-local-boards-of-health

COVID-19 web site: www.mass.gov/covid19

DPH Website: www.mass.gov/dph
Twitter: www.mass.gov/dph

From: Dovle, Jeffrey M (DPH)

Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 6:35 PM

To: OConnor, Ron (DPH); Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Cc: Cluett, Scott (DPH); Murphy, Brendan P (DPH); Fillo, Katherine (DPH); Brown, Catherine (DPH);

Milesky, Kerin (DPH) **Subject:** Re: Clarification

Hi Ron and Kelly-

This thread started as a result of a conference call with the local emergency service agencies today.

Any help you can offer is appreciated.

Thanks, Jeff

Cell: 781.468.6037

From: "Milesky, Kerin (DPH)" < Kerin.Milesky@MassMail.State.MA.US>

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 6:18 PM

To: "Doyle, Jeffrey M (DPH)" < Jeffrey.M.Doyle@MassMail.State.MA.US

Cc: "Cluett, Scott (DPH)" < William. Scott. Cluett@MassMail. State. MA. US>, Brendan Murphy

<<u>Brendan.P.Murphy@MassMail.State.MA.US</u>>, "Fillo, Katherine (DPH)"

< Katherine. Fillo@MassMail.State.MA.US >, "Brown, Catherine (DPH)"

<Catherine.Brown@MassMail.State.MA.US>

Subject: Re: Clarification

Hi Jeff,

Can you forward this to Ron O'Connor and Kelly Driscoll and ask them for clarification?

Kerin L. Milesky Director

Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2020, at 3:32 PM, Doyle, Jeffrey M (DPH) <leffrey.M.Doyle@massmail.state.ma.us</pre>

Hi-

This ask will likely require a little bit from each of you.

I am not sure if this will require input from legal because of the nature.

Thanks in advance! -Jeff-

From: "Besse, Christopher (CDA)" < christopher.besse@mass.gov

Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 3:17 PM

To: "Doyle, Jeffrey M (DPH)" < Jeffrey.M.Doyle@MassMail.State.MA.US

Cc: "Russas, Michael (CDA)" < michael.russas@mass.gov >, "Phillips, Samantha

(CDA)" < Samantha. Phillips@mass.gov >, "Shampine, Heather (CDA)"

< Heather. Shampine@mass.gov >

Subject: FW: Clarification

Jeff – got the below email after this afternoon's call with some of the guidance local officials are referencing. Can DPH/OEMS help provide some feedback and guidance (perhaps both in response to him directly, but also can incorporate into our notes for the call a section on guidance on information sharing)?

Chris

From: Chief Scott A. Dumas [mailto:scott.dumas@rowleypolice.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 2:54 PM

To: Besse, Christopher (CDA) < christopher.besse@mass.gov

Subject: Clarification

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Good afternoon Chris,

Rather than vent my frustration on the phone call reference the continued back and forth as to what information is allowed to be shared from local BOH's and first responders, I have attached the memo the gentleman from Westminster referenced this afternoon. Every week this issue has risen on this phone call yet we still seem to be on different pages. I would appreciate if you could look at this memo and tell me, what, if anything is incorrect. If something is determined to be incorrect I ask that you get this to the appropriate people, issue a joint memo, so we can finally have clarification.

Respectfully,

Scott A. Dumas

Scott A. Dumas | Chief of Police Rowley, Massachusetts FBI National Academy Session 226 scott.dumas@rowleypolice.com www.rowleypolice.com (978) 948-7644 – Main (978) 948-7087 – Fax

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Terrey, Susan (EPS)

Sent:

Monday, March 23, 2020 4:19 PM

To:

Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Subject:

RE: sharing of critical information

781-379-9923

From: Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:18 PM

To: Terrey, Susan (EPS)

Subject: RE: sharing of critical information

Perfect. What number works best for you?

From: Terrey, Susan (EPS)

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:18 PM **To:** Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); OConnor, Ron (DPH)

Cc: Kirwan, Dennis (911); Fournier, Normand (911); Pozniak, Frank (911)

Subject: RE: sharing of critical information

Hi Kelly -- no worries I know how swamped you must be. If you have a few minutes around 6 that would be great -

Many thanks

Susan

From: Driscoll, Kelly (EHS) < Kelly.Driscoll2@mass.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:16 PM

To: Terrey, Susan (EPS) <<u>Susan.W.Terrey@mass.gov></u>; OConnor, Ron (DPH) <<u>Ron.OConnor@MassMail.State.MA.US></u>
Cc: Kirwan, Dennis (911) <<u>Dennis.J.Kirwan@mass.gov></u>; Fournier, Normand (911) <<u>norm.fournier@mass.gov></u>; Pozniak,

Frank (911) frank (911) <a hre

Hi Susan,

I'm sorry I just got to this email. I can call you around 6pm if that works for you.

From: Terrey, Susan (EPS)

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:03 PM **To:** Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); OConnor, Ron (DPH)

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Subject: sharing of critical information

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Susan Terrey
General Counsel
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

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Susan Terrey General Counsel Executive Office of Public Safety and Security 781-379-9923

Terrey, Susan (EPS)

Sent: To:

Thursday, March 19, 2020 6:36 PM

Denniston, Elizabeth F. (GOV)

Cc:

Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); OConnor, Ron (DPH); Fournier, Normand (911); Kirwan, Dennis

(911); Pozniak, Frank (911); Collins, Kerry (EPS); Mullaney, Arielle (EPS)

Subject:

Re: Guidance on First Responders Order

Thank you Elizabeth

Norm, Dennis and Frank please see below for DPH contacts

Thank you all!

On Mar 19, 2020, at 6:24 PM, Denniston, Elizabeth F. (GOV) wrote:

Sue,

Kelly and Ron, copied here, are the right people at DPH to connect with on the first responder guidance. Could you all please keep me looped in on what we plan to send out? Thank you!

From: Darcy, Leslie (EHS)

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 6:21 PM

To: Denniston, Elizabeth F. (GOV); ScurriaMorgan, Elizabeth (DPH)

Cc: Boyle, Sharon (EHS); Cooke, Margret (DPH); Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); OConnor, Ron (DPH)

Subject: RE: Guidance on First Responders Order

Looping in Kelly and Ron, who would be the right folks to partner with EOPSS on the guidance question.

Leslie Darcy Chief of Staff

Executive Office of Health & Human Services

One Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108 Office: 617-573-1605

Cell: 617-312-9534

From: Denniston, Elizabeth F. (GOV) Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:50 PM To: ScurriaMorgan, Elizabeth (DPH)

Cc: Boyle, Sharon (EHS); Darcy, Leslie (EHS); Cooke, Margret (DPH)

Subject: RE: Guidance on First Responders Order

Following up on this and swapping in Leslie for Lon from Command Center. Sorry to bother, but any update on this? I'm getting questions from EOPSS and people in my office who want to make sure that LBOH and first responders get consistent guidance on this.

From: Denniston, Elizabeth F. (GOV) Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:22 PM To: ScurriaMorgan, Elizabeth (DPH)

Cc: Povich, Lon F (EHS); Boyle, Sharon (EHS) Subject: Guidance on First Responders Order

Hi Elizabeth.

Sue Terrey at EOPSS has been in touch with the state 911 folks, and is hoping to find someone at DPH to connect with to talk through how to align the guidance going to first responders with that given to Local Boards of Health. Who is the best person to direct Sue to?

Thank you! Elizabeth Elizabeth Denniston Deputy Legal Counsel Office of the Governor 857-400-5398

Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Sent:

Tuesday, April 07, 2020 4:50 PM

To:

Cheryl Sbarra

Cc:

Kristina Kimani; OConnor, Ron (DPH)

Subject:

Re: Fw: review

Just FYI- I still have nothing official from EOPS. I apologize.

From: Cheryl Sbarra

Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:29 AM

To: Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Cc: Kristina Kimani; QConnor, Ron (DPH)

Subject: Re: Fw: review

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So I will hold off on contacting him.

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 9:22 AM Driscoll, Kelly (EHS) kelly.driscoll@state.ma.us wrote:
This is very embargoed at this point and under review by Sec Turco. But did want you to know that we are working on getting something to the Chiefs of Police today to hopefully put this issue to rest.

From: Povich, Lon F (EHS)

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:20 PM

To: Pozniak, Frank (911); Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); Cooke, Margret (DPH); Terrey, Susan (EPS)

Subject: RE: review

From: Pozniak, Frank (911) <frank.pozniak@mass.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:44 PM

To: Driscoll, Kelly (EHS) < Kelly Driscoll2@mass.gov>; Povich, Lon F (EHS)

<Lon.F.Povich@MassMail.State.MA.US>; Cooke, Margret (DPH)

<Margret.R.Cooke@MassMail.State.MA.US>; Terrey, Susan (EPS) <Susan.W.Terrey@mass.gov>

Subject: RE: review

Sue,

A few revisions. The date of the order is March 18, 2020. The Order did state that "The disclosure of information shall be limited to the address, and shall not include any other identifying information, including name."

Frank Pozniak

Executive Director

State 911 Department

151 Campanelli Drive, Suite A

Middleborough, MA 02346

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From: Driscoll, Kelly (EHS) < Kelly.Driscoll2@mass.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 03, 2020 3:35 PM

To: Povich, Lon F (EHS) < Lon.F.Povich@MassMail.State.MA.US >; Cooke, Margret (DPH)

Margret.R.Cooke@MassMail.State.MA.US; Pozniak, Frank (911) frank.pozniak@mass.gov; Terrey,

Susan (EPS) < Susan. W. Terrey@mass.gov>

Subject: Fw: review

From: Terrey, Susan (EPS)

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 2:58 PM

To: Cooke, Margret (DPH); Driscoll, Kelly (EHS); Pozniak, Frank (911)

Subject: review

Hello All: Following up on our call - please see the attached potential additional guidance

Many thanks

Susan

Cheryl Sbarra

Senior Staff Attorney Director of Policy and Law Massachusetts Association of Health Boards 63 Shore Road, Suite 25 Winchester, MA 01890 (781) 721-0183 sbarra@mahb.org

From:

Reidy, Terrence (EPS)

Sent:

Thursday, April 09, 2020 5:40 PM

To:

Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Subject:

Fwd: critical information for first responders

Attachments:

critical info.docx; ATT00001.htm

Hi Kelly

Just sent this to the LG. I can have Sue fill you in on her conversation with Chief Farnsworth.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Reidy, Terrence (EPS)" < Terrence.Reidy@mass.gov>

Date: April 9, 2020 at 5:31:26 PM EDT

To: "Polito, Karyn (GOV)" < karyn.polito@MassMail.State.MA.US>, "Lepore, Kristen (GOV)"

<a href="mailto:kristen.lepore@MassMail.State.MA.US

Subject: Fwd: critical information for first responders

Hi Lieutenant Governor

Here is the message that was sent to Chief Farnsworth yesterday.

Thanks.

Terry

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Terrey, Susan (EPS)" <Susan.W.Terrey@mass.gov>

Date: April 8, 2020 at 10:01:25 AM EDT

To: "Farnsworth, Jeff" < Chief@hampdenpolice.com>

Cc: "Turco, Thomas (EPS)" <thomas.turco@mass.gov>, "Reidy, Terrence (EPS)"

<Terrence.Reidy@mass.gov>, "Benincasa, Jeanne (EPS)"

<Jeanne.Benincasa@mass.gov>, "Collins, Kerry (EPS)" <Kerry.Collins@mass.gov>

Subject: critical information for first responders

Good Morning: I hope that you are well. I am following up on our call last Friday with Secretary Turco. Based on that call I have drafted the attached additional guidance for EOPSS/State 911 to send out regarding the release of the names of individuals who are under quarantine. We wanted to give you a chance to review it before it went to a larger distribution network.

If you would like to discuss I can be reached at 781-379-9923

Many thanks

Susan

I want to acknowledge the outstanding work that Massachusetts first responders have been doing during the unprecedent health emergency that all the citizens of the Commonwealth are facing. Thank you for everything you do every day. You are serving your communities with distinction.

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DPH and 911 - Joint Guidance for Local Boards of Health Re: COVID-19 Information

Sharing

Attachments:

LBOH first responders order.3-18-20.pdf; DPH - 911 GUIDANCE - SHARING OF

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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March 18, 2020

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All applicable statute, regulations and guidance not inconsistent with the Order remain in effect.

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Update #11- Reporting of addresses to Public Safety

Categories:

Subject:

COVID, MHQA

Hi all,

Another area of increased concern has been what is expected of local boards of health in relation to communicating information to public safety (fire, police, EMS, etc).

This was linked on another email to you all but I thought I'd bump it to the top of your inbox as you're getting questions about it from your municipal colleagues.

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Subject: Update #10- Cases by town

All,

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Subject: RE: Local BOH COVID 19 update #7

All,

This morning, Governor Baker issued <u>an order closing public spaces</u> and limiting public gatherings to less than 10 people for 12pm tomorrow, March 24 to 12pm on April 6. Guidance for businesses and functions that can/should stay open during this period <u>is here.</u>

Please pass on to your member towns.

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Subject: Local BOH COVID 19 update #6

Good Morning All,

The administration has posted some guidance on PPE that I wanted to share with all of you.

First- How cities and towns should make requests for PPE is in this chart.

Second- The demand for PPE is vastly outpacing the supply. As such, PPE is being optimized by need category and is outlined here.

We are aware that some municipalities and other groups have been able to obtain PPE while others have not. The intent of the processes linked above is to create consistency and clarity moving forward.

- We are actively working to source PPE with domestic and international suppliers in an effort for supply to catch up with demand.

Thanks so much for all your hard work. Kelly

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Subject: Local BOH COVID 19 update #5

All,

Thanks for your continued leadership on addressing the COVID19 Crisis in our cities and towns. Below please find an array of follow up information responding to what you've conveyed as current, urgent needs. Districts and Affiliations-please forward this email to your member towns with any additional comments you think would be helpful for your member towns.

1. Funding:

All local board of health COVID-19 related funding will be distributed from the Public Health Trust Fund (4500-1334)

Applicable funding areas:

- Surveillance and case identification (including, but not limited to, public health epidemiological investigation activities such as contact follow-up).
 - Monitoring of travelers.
 - Public Health Nurses
 - Data management.

- Isolation and quarantine (including, but not limited to, housing; wrap-around services; security; environmental control, clean-up and waste management; and behavioral health services).
- Surge staffing.
- Risk communications support.
- Public health coordination with healthcare systems.

Non- applicable funding areas:

- City/town municipal activities (law enforcement etc)
- Food and other sundries
- Resourcing:

Staff that are needed immediately:

- Nurses
- Administrative support (supporting local government operations)
- Call center support (answering local phone calls from constituents)
- Contact tracing / epidemiology (contact tracing and personal quarantine guidance, working for MA State Epidemiologists)

Tentative plans to address these immediate needs:

The COVID19 Command Center has connected with the 6 Graduate Schools of Public Health in MA. We will leverage their communities of students, alumni and faculty to meet the key resources identified today (Nursing support, phone banking, and data management for contact tracing.

We have a follow up meeting with the leadership at these Schools of Public Health tomorrow. More on this soon.

PPE: Detailed guidance will be issued by the COVID-19 Command Center within the next 24 hours. We know this is an area where more, consistent communication is needed and we are working on it.

3. MAVEN

New User Requests to be sent to ISISHELP@state.ma.us.

Approved users will be sent a MAVEN user request form, which once completed and sent back to ISSHELP@state.ma.us, is then submitted to the VG. Simultaneously, MAVEN staff will then contact the users to have them register for one of the 3 scheduled weekly trainings. Once they have completed the training and the VG has processed their account, they are granted access to MAVEN.

Please note that the VG has specific requirements as to the email addresses that will be approved. The email must be affiliated with city/town or organization (i.e. VNA) email account. They will not accept any personal email accounts.

http://www.masslocalinstitute.info/diseasesurveillance/diseasesurveillance7.html

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Subject: RE: Local BOH COVID 19 update #7

All,

This morning, Governor Baker issued <u>an order closing public spaces</u> and limiting public gatherings to less than 10 people for 12pm tomorrow, March 24 to 12pm on April 6. Guidance for businesses and functions that can/should stay open during this period is here.

Please pass on to your member towns.

Thanks for all you do, Kelly

From: Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 10:00 AM

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Subject: Local BOH COVID 19 update #6

Good Morning All,

The administration has posted some guidance on PPE that I wanted to share with all of you.

First- How cities and towns should make requests for PPE is <u>in this chart.</u> Second- The demand for PPE is vastly outpacing the supply. As such, PPE is being optimized by need category and is outlined here.

- We are aware that some municipalities and other groups have been able to obtain PPE while others have not. The intent of the processes linked above is to create consistency and clarity moving forward.
- We are actively working to source PPE with domestic and international suppliers in an effort for supply to catch
 up with demand.

Thanks so much for all your hard work. Kelly

From: Driscoll, Kelly (EHS)

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 5:14 PM

To: OConnor, Ron (DPH); Aaron Senior (EHS); Brian Higgins (EHS)

Subject: Local BOH COVID 19 update #5

All,

Thanks for your continued leadership on addressing the COVID19 Crisis in our cities and towns. Below please find an array of follow up information responding to what you've conveyed as current, urgent needs. Districts and Affiliations-please forward this email to your member towns with any additional comments you think would be helpful for your member towns.

1. Funding:

All local board of health COVID-19 related funding will be distributed from the Public Health Trust Fund (4500-1334)

Applicable funding areas:

- Surveillance and case identification (including, but not limited to, public health epidemiological investigation activities such as contact follow-up).
 - Monitoring of travelers.
 - Public Health Nurses
 - Data management.
 - Isolation and quarantine (including, but not limited to, housing; wrap-around services; security; environmental control, clean-up and waste management; and behavioral health services).
 - Surge staffing.
 - · Risk communications support.
 - Public health coordination with healthcare systems.

Non-applicable funding areas:

- City/town municipal activities (law enforcement etc)
- Food and other sundries
- 2. Resourcing:

Staff that are needed immediately:

- Nurses
- Administrative support (supporting local government operations)
- Call center support (answering local phone calls from constituents)
- Contact tracing / epidemiology (contact tracing and personal quarantine guidance, working for MA State Epidemiologists)

Tentative plans to address these immediate needs:

The COVID19 Command Center has connected with the 6 Graduate Schools of Public Health in MA. We will leverage their communities of students, alumni and faculty to meet the key resources identified today (Nursing support, phone banking, and data management for contact tracing.

We have a follow up meeting with the leadership at these Schools of Public Health tomorrow. More on this soon.

PPE: Detailed guidance will be issued by the COVID-19 Command Center within the next 24 hours. We know this is an area where more, consistent communication is needed and we are working on it.

3. MAVEN

New User Requests to be sent to ISISHELP@state.ma.us.

Approved users will be sent a MAVEN user request form, which once completed and sent back to <u>ISSHELP@state.ma.us</u>, is then submitted to the VG. Simultaneously, MAVEN staff will then contact the users to have them register for one of the 3 scheduled weekly trainings. Once they have completed the training and the VG has processed their account, they are granted access to MAVEN.

Please note that the VG has specific requirements as to the email addresses that will be approved. The email must be affiliated with city/town or organization (i.e. VNA) email account. They will not accept any personal email accounts.

http://www.masslocalinstitute.info/diseasesurveillance/diseasesurveillance7.html

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ScurriaMorgan, Elizabeth (DPH)

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Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:33 PM

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Cooke, Margret (DPH); Barrelle, Jennifer (DPH)

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FW: Guidance on First Responders Order

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Cc: Povich, Lon F (EHS); Boyle, Sharon (EHS); Cooke, Margret (DPH)

Subject: RE: Guidance on First Responders Order

Hi Elizabeth -

Margret is back in the office, so adding her too. We will find out.

Thanks.

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Thank you! Elizabeth

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Lon and Elizabeth,

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Connect

Hi Elizabeth: I was on the call today and Secretary Turco asked that I connect with DPH on messaging – I couldn't quite catch who on your team was handling that – could you connect me with the right person

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To: Bharel, Monica (DPH); Barrelle, Jennifer (DPH); Darcy, Leslie (EHS); Torgerson, Sharon (EHS); Cohen, Alison B (DPH)

Subject: commissioner's order on information sharing between lboh and first responders

This needs to go out in the am with clear guidance for folks - including what good practice should be....it's already out in the ether....thank you. Ideally, it would be good for a joint guidance to come out.....