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MMA Update for Select Board Members and City & Town Councillors on COVID-19 and Key Municipal Issues

A Presentation for the Members of the Massachusetts Select Board Association
and the Massachusetts Municipal Councillors' Association
June 12, 2020



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Today's Presentation

- Welcome and Thanks
- Overview of MMA Activities & Resources
- COVID-19 Orders & Update on State's Reopening Process
- Federal Aid --- Still an Open Question
- Legislative and Financial Overview
(MMA Legislative Director John Robertson)
- Questions



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Welcome and Thank You

- Thank you to the Leadership of the Massachusetts Select Board Association and the Massachusetts Municipal Councillors' Association
- The MMA's membership team is here to help you:
Director of C&M Candace Pierce (cpierce@mma.org); Isabelle Nichols for MSA (inichols@mma.org) and Denise Baker for MMCA (dbaker@mma.org)
- Updates on Programming from the C&M Team



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Communities are at the Center of Three Waves

- The murder of George Floyd has catapulted this nation into a defining moment, with sweeping calls to address the systemic racism that persists in our society and economy
- The COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt our daily lives and businesses, and this deadly threat to public health is draining resources, straining families, and reshaping government services and operations
- The Massachusetts economy is being battered by the COVID-19 emergency, and state and local governments face historically deep fiscal challenges and uncertainty that could last for years



Addressing Racism in our Communities

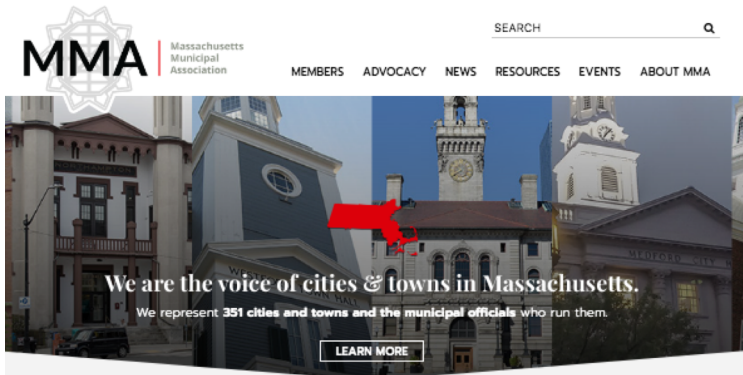
- MMA is working closely with the National League of Cities' Race, Equity, and Leadership (REAL) program to provide municipal leaders with tools and models to use locally – this started in January at Annual Meeting
- MMA is coordinating with NLC's REAL program and nearby state municipal associations to produce a series of virtual training sessions for local officials
- Reviewing key legislation and actions to address systemic racism in Massachusetts, including increasing transparency and accountability in policing, identifying disparities in criminal justice, public health, education and the economy
- Addressing racism is not a “moment” – this is long-term work for all public leaders, the MMA, and every institution and stakeholder at every level



Working Closely with State Leaders During the Pandemic

- The MMA is providing the platform, administering and moderating the Baker-Polito Administration's weekly briefings for the Chief Municipal Officer in each town and city by the Lt. Governor and key state officials
- Audio recordings of each briefing are posted on the MMA website at www.mma.org and are available to all members
- A detailed summary of each briefing is posted on the MMA website, with links to any new announcements or guidance issued by the Administration
- Unanswered questions are researched by the Administration, and the answers that are provided are posted on the MMA website

www.mma.org is PACKED with information



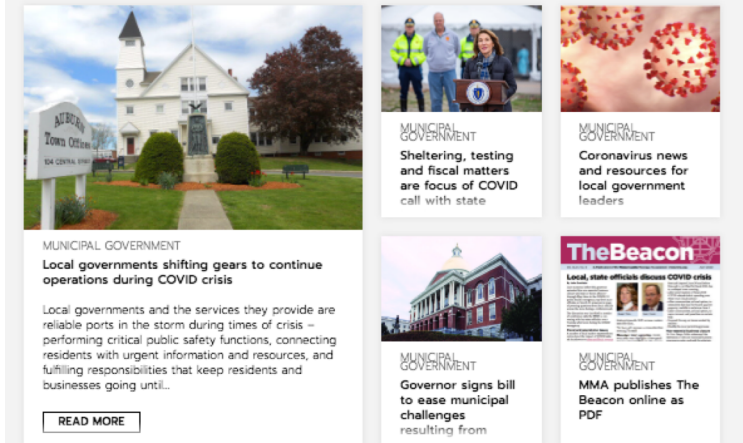
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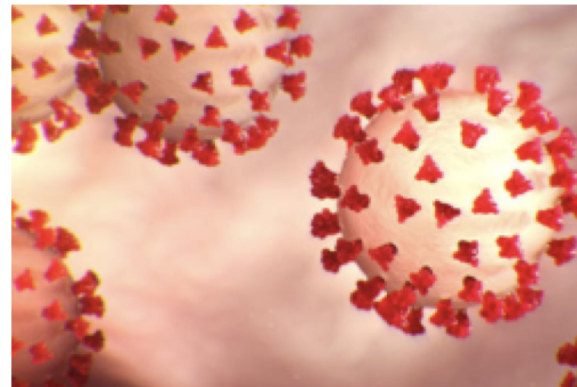
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Local governments and the services they provide are reliable ports in the storm during times of crisis – performing critical public safety functions, connecting residents with urgent information and resources, and fulfilling responsibilities that keep residents and businesses going until...

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Governments, agencies and communities around the globe are responding to the coronavirus pandemic. We gathered the information here to help municipal leaders respond and continue their critical operations.




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COVID-19 Command Center Situation Updates, from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency



COVID-19 Orders, Guidance & Reopening

- Phase 2 of the Reopening started this week
 - Baker-Polito Administration offering guidance to businesses & municipalities
 - General office requirements <https://www.mass.gov/resource/reopening-sector-specific-protocols-and-best-practices>
 - DPH issued guidance on Town Meetings yesterday (<https://www.mass.gov/doc/guidance-for-town-meetings-to-address-covid-19/download>)
 - Guidance on libraries <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-libraries>
 - Childcare & summer camps https://eeced.force.com/apex/EEC_ChildCareEmergencyReopenInfo
 - Outdoor recreation <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-energy-and-environmental-affairs-eea-covid-19-guidance-documents>
 - ALL THESE – and much more – ARE ON THE MMA WEBSITE at www.mma.org



Federal Aid is Essential

- CARES Act Restrictions on use, MA sharing funds with cities and towns, CDBG and education funds
- HEROES Act Passed the US House, stalled in Senate, would provide direct aid to cities and towns and states
- SMART Act Bipartisan bill in the Senate that would provide direct aid
- MMA Working with national partners through NLC and others to build support
- Timing Less than 50% before Labor Day?



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Legislative & Financial Overview

- John Robertson, MMA's Legislative Director (jrobertson@mma.org)
- Key Legislation So Far to Help Communities Manage
- State Revenue and Budget Outlook and Timing
- Chapter 90
- Technology Bond Bill
- Other Key Items and Issues



Questions???

Thank you so much for your time today!

We will do our best to answer your questions now.



Thank You for Your Leadership!

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