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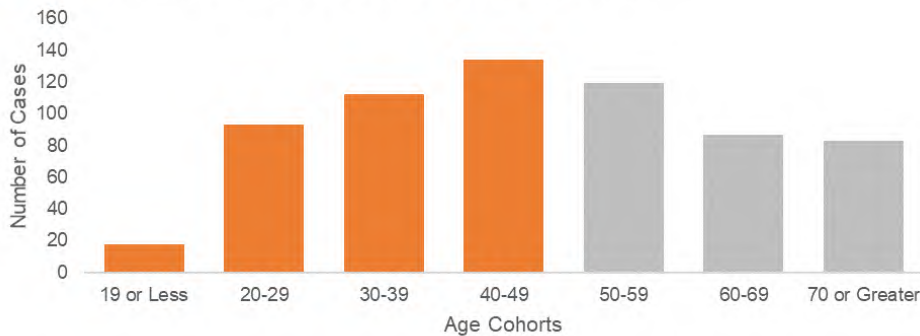
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COVID-19 — MASSACHUSETTS — 3/23/2020

As of March 22, 2020, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has 646 confirmed cases of COVID-19. The majority of confirmed cases are people under 50 years old.

55.3% of confirmed cases are persons aged 49 and under.



Governor Charlie Baker [ordered](#) a three-week suspension of public and private K-12 schools in the state until April 6, 2020, and [closed](#) all child care programs except for newly created child care programs for vulnerable children and children of families who work to maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the state.

The Massachusetts Legislature has recently enacted the following legislation in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- [H-4561](#), which makes a supplemental appropriation for FY 2020, including a reserve of \$15.0 million to support monitoring, treatment, and containment of the virus.
- [H-4502](#), which appropriates \$95,000 to the Executive Office of Education.
- [S-2599](#), which authorizes a waiver of the one-week waiting period for unemployment benefits.

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