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State Implements Contact Tracing

On Friday, April 3, the Baker-Polito Administration announced the creation of the COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts.

Led by the administration's COVID-19 Response Command Center, Partners In Health will coordinate closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Contact tracing will be combined with the state's efforts to increase testing. Contact tracing will provide support to people in quarantine or isolation in order to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Contact tracing involves notifying people who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. This is a program to make us better informed and safer.

When you see, "COVID Community Team" on your phone, please answer it. It is a trained volunteer with important information for you regarding potential exposure and what actions you should take.

For a description of this program, go to Governor Baker's April 3, 2020 press briefing which can be found here: <u>https://www.mass.gov/covid19-updates</u>.

Thank you for your part in slowing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.