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Brothers Deli is welcoming diners

By Cary Shuman

The regulars are still coming to Brothers Deli on Market Street, but it's curbside pickup only at George Markos' popular restaurant where so many Lynn community leaders would normally be gathering for their early-morning coffees and conversation.

Markos, who has owned and operated Brothers for close to three decades, said he appreciates the continued support from his customers, but understands COVID-19 has affected everything about daily life in Lynn.

"Our business is 75 percent off," Markos said Wednesday.

Markos said he closely follows Governor Charlie Baker's daily briefings about COVID-19 and the state's directives.

"I'll do whatever the doctors and the professionals say to do to stem the spread," said Markos. "I don't know the answer to when businesses should re-open. To be honest, people's lives mean more than any business or any money in the world. I will not risk my customers or anybody's health."

Markos said he feels bad for



George Markos, owner of Brothers Deli, is pictured at the front door of his popular restaurant that is open for curbside food pickup each day.

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Lynn restaurant receives small business grant from Citizens Bank

By John Lynds

A popular Lynn restaurant on the Lynnway was recently awarded a small business grant from Citizens bank.

Alfredo's Italian Kitchen, located at 425 Lynnway, was one of 32 small businesses in Massachusetts that each received a \$15,000 grant as part of the bank's Small Business Recovery grant program.

"We are open and operating

on our normal schedule," said Alfredo's parent company Lynnway Pizza Inc. "We are doing pick-up, as well as delivery to Lynn, Nahant, Swamscott, Saugus, and Revere. All of us here at the Lynn Alfredo's want to sincerely thank you for the overwhelming amount of love and support you've sent our way. It is our privilege to serve you all, in good times or hard times. Some

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Alfredo's Kitchen on the Lynnway was one of several small businesses to receive a grant recently from Citizens Bank.

Flowers for Mom

Salvy The Florist taking orders for Mother's Day

By Cary Shuman

For close to 60 years, Salvy The Florist at 793 Western Avenue has been the No. 1 choice for flowers in Lynn.

With Mother's Day coming, this would traditionally be the busiest time of the year, according to Salvy Migliaccio, who describes himself as "a young

66-year-old" owner of the store. He says that Valentine Day's is the busiest day of the year.

Migliaccio has been at his store this week in advance of Mother's Day that will be celebrated on Sunday.

"We're open for taking phone orders, internet orders, and deliveries - we're not open for retail," said Migliaccio. "We made that

decision a couple of weeks ago that we were putting safety first for our customers, employees, and family."

The COVID-19 crisis is impacting the traditional observance of Mother's Day where people would gather for large dinners and present flowers to

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THIS SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

During this time of unprecedented upheaval because of the novel coronavirus pandemic, the rituals that most of us traditionally follow either have been eliminated or drastically changed because of the need to practice physical distancing.

So too, the manner in which we observe Mother's Day, which is this Sunday, May 10, will be different from all others before it. The traditional family get-togethers that we usually observe will be cancelled or modified to a great extent because of the situation in which we find ourselves.

However, it often is said that necessity is the mother of invention (no pun intended) and in that spirit we're sure that all of our readers will find a way to honor their mothers in some fashion, whether it be something as simple as a phone call or by a family gathering via Zoom.

Oftentimes, the smallest of gestures can mean the most.

We hope too, that Mother's Day this year will serve as a way for all of us to think about what is most important in our lives -- our family, friends, and loved ones -- as we struggle to make sense of these turbulent times amidst a pandemic.

We know we join with all of our readers in wishing all of our moms a happy Mother's Day.

THIS IS NO TIME FOR HOOVERISM

Herbert Hoover had been President for about seven months when the stock market crashed in October, 1929. Although there have been many causes attributed to the onset of the Great Depression, the crash generally is viewed as the trigger point for what still rates as the greatest economic downturn in our nation's history.

However, even as the economy continued to sink in the aftermath of the crash, Hoover adopted a hands-off policy toward the economy. Although Herbert Hoover was a good man with lots of government experience prior to becoming president, he refused to take action of any kind, held back by a combination of a lack of imagination and his rigid, free-market view of the U.S. economy.

Hoover failed to recognize the severity of the situation or leverage the power of the federal government to address it. He was widely viewed as callous and insensitive toward the suffering of millions of desperate Americans.

By the time Hoover left office in early 1933, unemployment in the U.S. had reached 25% and millions of Americans literally were starving. The iconic photos from that era of Americans lined up for handouts from the soup kitchens that were operated by private charities still are seared into our collective memory even today.

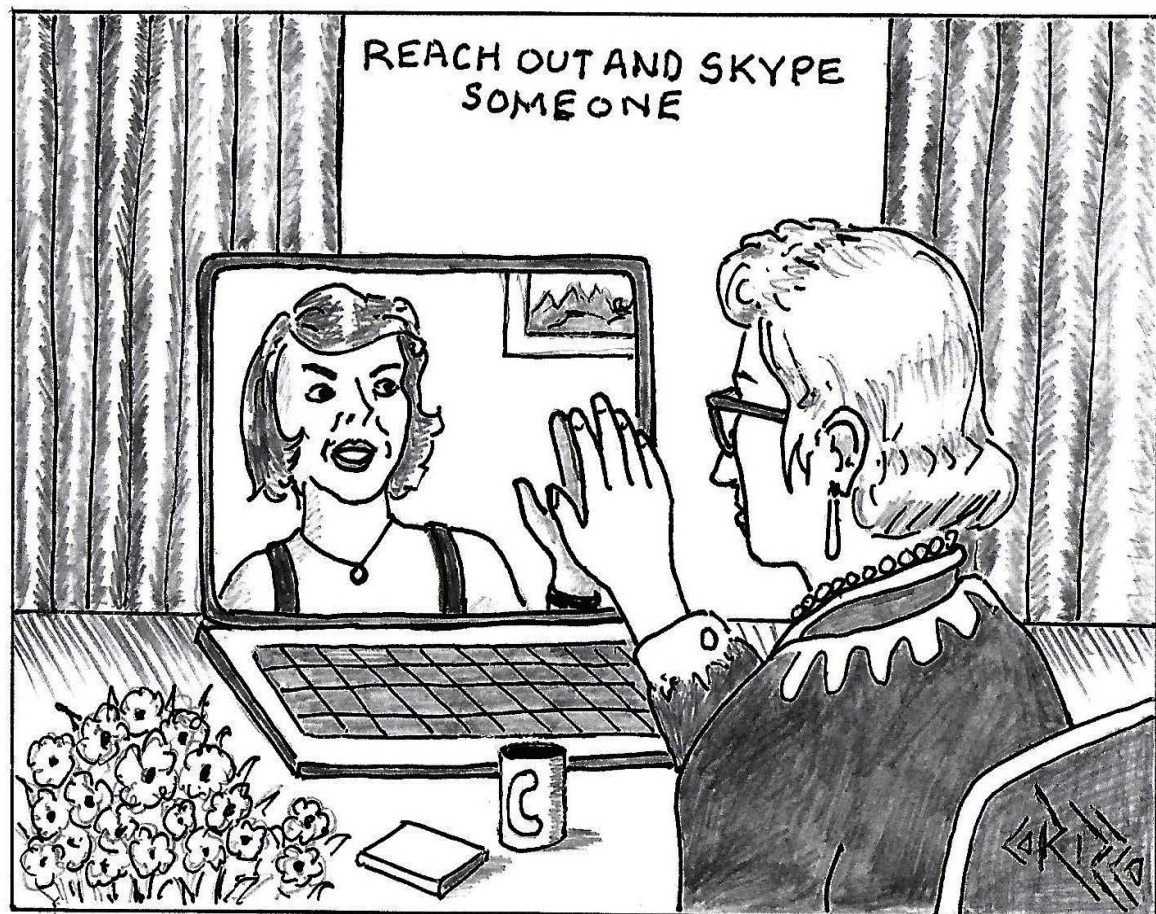
What brought to mind the inaction of Herbert Hoover during the Great Depression were comments made this past Sunday by Lawrence Kudlow, the former TV personality who now is one of the chief economic advisers to President Trump.

Basically, Kudlow said the Trump administration is taking a wait-and-see approach before committing to more federal support for Americans as the United States continues to weather the coronavirus crisis and the accompanying economic damage.

"Well, I don't want to get too far ahead of the story, Jake," Kudlow said to CNN's Jake Tapper. "There may well be additional legislation. There's a kind of pause period right now."

But "getting ahead" of this crisis precisely is what policymakers need to do. While it certainly is true that the federal government has spent trillions of dollars in various ways to assist Americans, it also is true that the degree of economic assistance -- as well as a coordinated plan -- that will be necessary simply to keep Americans fed during the ongoing crisis will require additional trillions of dollars as the economy plunges into free-fall without a parachute in the months ahead.

The lesson of the Great Depression is that a national government cannot be a passive bystander during a time of economic collapse. Speedy, forceful, and creative action is required today to prevent an already-calamitous situation from becoming worse tomorrow.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY... MAY 10.

GUEST OP-ED

Covid-19 and Mother's Day

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

I wish mom were still here so I could take her out to Sunday dinner. The problem with Sunday dinner this Mother's Day is that most of the restaurants either won't be open yet or operating under new guidelines. Restaurants make their biggest payday of the year typically on Mother's Day. Even in states that are wide open for dining there is the problem of social distancing. Can you imagine this week going to a restaurant that only is allowed 25% occupancy or maybe 50% occupancy at best? Many states will still be closed tight this Sunday adding further pain to the economic dilemma of business owners across America. For some restaurants being closed this Sunday will be the nail in the coffin of their business.

This year to celebrate mom's day you still can patronize your favorite restaurant by ordering from them and bringing the food back home. This will still take some pressure off mom. Also, insist on cleaning up the mess

when it's over. Mom shouldn't have to do this on Mother's Day,

Overall this is the toughest Mother's Day we've had in America during my lifetime. So many millions are struggling financially. Buying a nice meal from a restaurant to take home to feed everyone is a stretch for many. With 70,000 or more deaths now due to Covid-19 this Mother's Day will be the hardest day ever for a lot of families. There will be an empty chair at the table. Millions of Americans have moms in nursing homes. Their moms are in danger of being exposed to Covid-19. People will probably not be able to visit mother because she is in the nursing home. This is painful. There are just so many distressing scenarios being played out around the world. From health care workers who are at risk, to unemployment and a new era of poverty hitting out country, to people just going crazy over social distancing.

The way to celebrate Mother's Day this year is don't forget. Don't distance yourself from this

celebration. Honor mom while you have her. Honor some other mothers too who have been special to you.

When I was a child, I had \$5 my dad gave me for being "brave" to have my tonsils removed. The only thing I wanted to do as a child was to take mom and dad to the local G.C. Murphy's grill. We sat at the bar and we all had hotdogs and cokes that cost me about \$3. My mom didn't want me to spend my \$5 but she smiled when I bought lunch that day as a 7-year-old kid. I would love to have mom back this Sunday and do anything that might make her smile. This Sunday, it could be the simplest thing but give it a try. Mom is worth the effort.

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other businesses who have seen their sales plummet or have had to close their doors during the crisis.

“I feel bad for other businesses and the people who have bars in their restaurants – my heart goes out to them,” said Markos. “They have bills to pay, insurance liabilities, and they can’t have anyone in their store.”

Markos has a small staff helping him at Brothers each day, from its opening at 5:30 a.m. to closing time at 8 p.m.

“I get here 4:30 a.m. and I go home at 10:30 p.m. – this is my responsibility, I took over this businesses and I have to do it,” said Markos.

He is grateful to Lynners who have made Brothers one of the city’s most popular restaurants and are stopping by to get takeout or just to say hello.

“I just want to thank the people who are coming out to my restaurant,” said Markos. “I can’t thank everybody enough. They’ve been very supportive.”

He looks forward to the day when things return to normal and Brothers is bustling with customers enjoying the daily specials at booths and tables.

“I wish I could open tomorrow full time, but this virus doesn’t exclude anybody, this is a dangerous thing,” said Markos. “This is a scary thing that’s going on. I just wish the best for everyone.”

“I feel sad that people are losing their loved ones and their friends. I hope this terrible situation will end soon. The people who come to my restaurant are family. They’re not just my customers – we are one family,” concluded Markos.

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big-hearted people have called and stopped by asking if they can make a donation to support this effort. We are so humbled and appreciative. Lynn is our home and your families are our families. We will get through this together.”

Alfredo’s has been pitching in to help some Lynn residents in need by offering school lunches to customers. Over the past few weeks Alfredo’s staff has prepared pizzas, meatball parm over ziti and other treats free of charge thanks to generous donations

from loyal customers.

In support of this effort Alfredo’s neighbor and friend across the Lynnway, fGarelick Farms, donated crates upon crates of 1% Milk, Chocolate Milk, and Strawberry Milk for the restaurant’s school lunch program.

In April Citizens announced a \$5 million commitment to aiding communities through these challenging times, including \$4.2 million in support of small businesses in the bank’s service area. As part of this overall commitment, Citizens is awarding 134

direct grants to small businesses.

“These grants will go directly to Massachusetts small businesses, providing them with much needed cash flow and support to help them stabilize amidst the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic,” said Jack Murphy, President, Business Banking, Citizens Bank. “Small businesses are the heartbeat of the American economy, and we are committed to providing them with a vital jolt as they battle the economic implications of the pandemic.”

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Brother Deli owner George Markos, outside his restaurant on Market Street.

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Lee Way

Birthday parade pays tribute to beloved Lynn resident David Lee

By Cary Shuman

David Francis Lee doesn't ask for much but he did say a couple of years ago that he wanted to have a big 90th birthday party for his friends and family and that he wanted an open bar.

There were full-scale plans and the date had been set for such a gala celebration for the lifelong Lynn resident and family patriarch. But the COVID-19 global pandemic forced an alteration of those plans.

But with the help on logistics from Lisa Nerich of the lifelong family friend Nerich family, David's wife, Irene, and sons Mark and David Jr., gave Mr. Lee a 90th birthday celebration that was in a word, beautiful.

They lined up in cars at the Sacred Heart Church, (where David and Irene have been contributors to the church for years) and began their caravan down Myrtle Street and on to the Lee family home on Holyoke Street. Once there, they greeted Mr. Lee with all the love, respect, and joy they could from a distance.

It was clear that David and Irene Lee loved every minute of it.

'The Ideal, supportive parents'

Mr. Lee is a Lynn original, living in the family home on Holyoke Street. Born in Lynn, he graduated from Essex Agricultural High School. He worked for HP Hood Milk in Charlestown for 42 years before his retirement. David is married to

Irene Lee, who worked at General Electric for 46 years before her retirement.

"My mother was born and raised in Saugus and they met when she was 15 and he was 16," said Mark Lee, the younger of two sons. Mark is a school resource officer at Breed Middle School but also widely known as the Hall of Fame boys head hockey coach at St. Mary's High School. David Lee Jr. has worked at General Electric for more than 40 years.

"They were the ideal supportive parents," said Mark Lee. "My father coached West Lynn American Little League Baseball for years for both my brother and me. He was one of the original guys who helped start Lynn Youth



David Lee and Irene Lee are pictured with their sons, David Jr. and Mark, outside the family home on Holyoke Street where Mr. Lee celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday, May 2.



There were signs honoring David Lee on the occasion of his 90th birthday celebration.

Hockey and coached in the program for many years."

And, of course, David and Irene Lee, were at the Garden when Mark Lee and his 2018-19 St. Mary's High School hockey team won the Division 1 state championship. They were present for all of Mark's coaching milestone victories as well.

"Absolutely they were at the Garden that day," said Mark, of the Spartans' 4-2 victory over Framingham.

One year earlier, St. Mary's had lost in a classic, double-overtime thriller to Franklin, in the Division 1 state final.

"My father was there for that game, too," said Mark.

Mark and David Jr. echoed the same respectful message: "how proud we are of our dad."

"We're extremely proud – he's always been a hands-on-dad, he never missed any games, even in my coaching career he would be at most all games, even at this age," said Mark. "He loves St. Mary's hockey."

Mark also hails his father "as one of the final guys left, the true West Lynners as we like to say."

"He's living in a house that his father built – it was the fifth

house built on Holyoke Street, so it's the Lee house since it was built," said Mark. "The family has a long history in West Lynn."

David and Irene Lee have two children, David Jr., who has worked at General Electric for more than 40 years, and Mark, a school resource officer at Breed Middle School for the past eight years, but also widely known as the Hall of Fame boys hockey head coach at St. Mary's High School.

Mark said he was grateful to all who made his father's 90th birthday so memorable.

"I want to thank so many people, friends and family, Lisa Nerich, the Police Department, the Fire Department – they put on an unbelievable showing on his actual birthday (May 2)," said Mark. "It was a huge parade."

The happy occasions and proud moments continued for David Lee this week. Corey Lee, grandson of David and Irene Lee, graduated from the Massachusetts State Police Academy Wednesday. Corey played four seasons of ice hockey at St. Mary's High School.

"Papa Lee was his biggest supporter," said Coach Mark Lee.

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LCHS senior to receive full scholarship to Endicott College

By Kate Anslinger

Lynn Classical High School senior, Michael Lam, is on the receiving end of a full four-year scholarship to attend Endicott College. A partnership between the Lynn Public Schools and Endicott College, The Learning and Leadership Program (LLP) sends 36 rising eighth graders to live on Endicott's campus for three weeks every summer to participate in STEM classes and activities led by college profes-

sors. Having participated in the LLP following the summer of his eighth grade year, Lam, now a senior, was honored to find out that he was sole recipient of the scholarship, which covers tuition, room and board and fees.

"This is a really cool opportunity that I've gotten and I am very happy to be able to accept it," said Lam who plans to major in marketing and minor in mathematics. "I would've never been able to imagine that I would get this far."



LCHS senior, Michael Lam will head to Endicott College in the fall.

City of Lynn COVID-19 update

The Lynn Public Health Department has confirmed that as of today, the number of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases has risen to 2,002, 354 have recovered, and 67 Lynn residents have died.

We will continue to provide regular updates on COVID-19 through the City website (www.lynnma.gov), social media, and

the Smart 911 emergency notification system (sign up at www.smart911.com).

Actualización de COVID-19 de la ciudad de Lynn del 5 de mayo de 2020.

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Continuaremos brindando actualizaciones periódicas sobre COVID-19 a través del sitio web de la Ciudad (www.lynnma.gov), las redes sociales y el sistema de notificación de emergencia Smart 911 (regístrese en www.smart911.com).

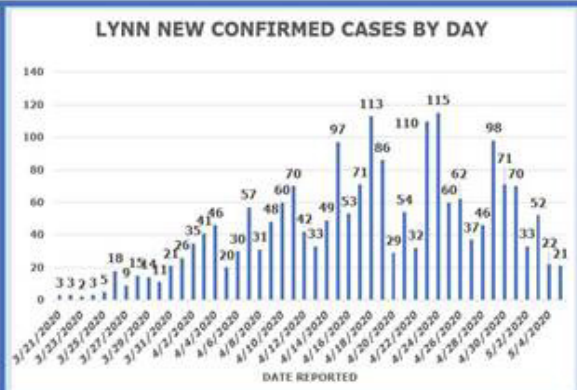
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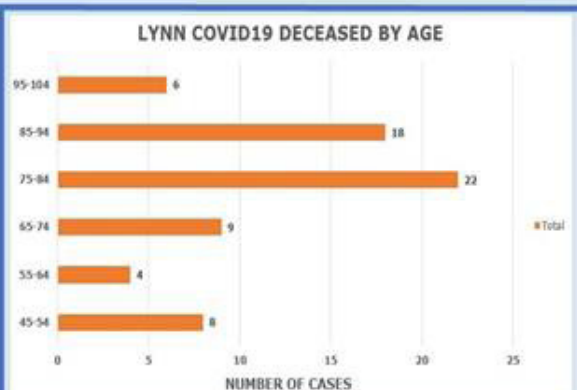
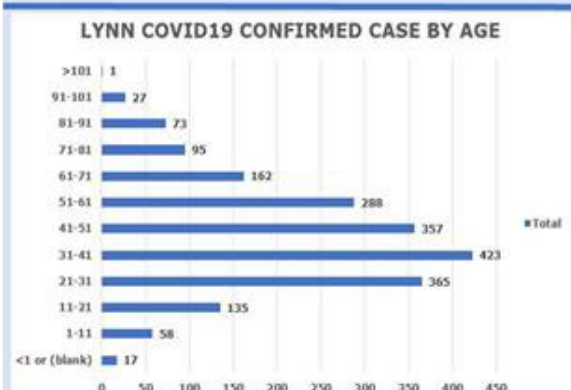
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Alert: Residents watch for scammers looking to hijack COVID-19 stimulus checks

With millions of people out of work and hoping to receive COVID-19 stimulus checks, the BPD and FBI are warning community members to be leery and wary of scammers seeking personal information either through email or phone calls as a precondition for any federal aid. To be clear, the US government is not sending emails or making phone calls asking for any individual's personal information in exchange for federal aid. Sadly, while the large majority of law-abiding citizens are looking for ways to help, scammers are looking for ways to use the COVID-19 pandemic to steal your money, your personal information, or both. Don't let them. Protect yourself and do your research before clicking on links purporting to provide information on the virus; donating to a charity online or through social media; contributing to a crowdfunding campaign; purchasing products online; or giving up your personal information in order to receive money or other benefits.

In addition to the above, the FBI advises you to be on the lookout for the following:

- Phishing Emails: Look out for phishing emails asking you to verify your personal information in order to receive an economic stimulus check from the government. While talk of economic stimulus checks has been in the news cycle, government agencies are not sending unsolicited emails seeking your private information in order to send you money. Phishing emails may also claim to be related to:
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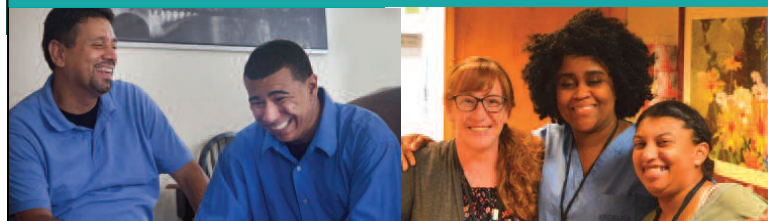
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their loved ones in person.

“People have mothers in their lives whom they can’t visit or have contact like they have in the past, so they’re reaching out to them and they’re sending flowers,” said Migliaccio. “We’re busy on that front.

“Unfortunately, we’re also busy on the funeral front. There are a lot of sad stories out there, with people losing their parents, loved ones, and friends. It’s a very difficult time right now, at least in our world, because we’re

going from one extreme to the other, I guess,” said Migliaccio.

Migliaccio is being assisted at the store by his sons, Salvy Rocco, and Anthony, both St. Mary’s High School graduates. Salvy (Rocco) was a captain of the 1999 St. Mary’s football team and has two sons, Dante, a student-athlete at Lynn Classical High School, and Salvy Rocco Jr., 3.

Salvy’s father, Salvy, started the Salvy The Florist store on Western Avenue in 1962. Salvy

Migliaccio has carried on the tradition of excellence, making each visit to the florist a special one for the customer. Some say the store is like the Cheers Bar on the television show where everybody is greeted like a friend and “everybody knows your name.” That’s what 58 years of uninterrupted, outstanding service means to Salvy’s customers. It produces customer loyalty.

The Migliaccio family also owns a store in Swampscott and on Broadway in Lynn. Salvy The Florist recently merged with Welch Florist of Lynn, taking over the operations of that store previously owned by Keith Saunders and David Daley right before Valentine’s Day.

“I’ve known Keith and David for many years,” said Migliaccio. “We’ve known each other for many years and we thought

it would be a good fit. Keith and David [Welch Florist] had a great customer base and they ran a great business and we’re just very happy to pull it all together.”

Salvy The Florist has done

more than pull it all together – they’re one of the true, original Lynn-based businesses that are making an important impact on the city, in the store and in the community.



Salvy Migliaccio owner of Salvy The Florist.

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Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation increases its COVID-19 response to \$8 million

Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation (EBCF), the philanthropic arm of Eastern Bank, today announced an additional \$5 million philanthropic investment to help address the impact of COVID-19 in the communities it serves. This is in addition to the \$3 million in relief announced by the Foundation in March 2020, bringing the total COVID-19 philanthropic financial support in the community to \$8 million. With this announcement, annual community support from EBCF is expected to reach \$14 million, an all-time high, by the end of 2020.

The \$5 million in funds will support organizations focused on the most vulnerable populations:

- Emergency child care centers, family child care centers, families with young children in need of support, and child care professionals themselves;
- Immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers;
- Individuals and families who are homeless;
- Victims of domestic violence;
- Elders in our communities; and
- People with mental and cognitive health challenges.

“On this #GivingTuesday-Now, we’re doing what we can to inspire support, share our thanks, and stand with the most vulnerable populations in our communities,” said Bob Rivers, Chair and CEO of Eastern Bank. “As we all go through this COVID-19 crisis together, Eastern is providing relief to where it’s needed most locally and ensuring the people most impacted are not left behind. It takes a community of

public and private partners working together to stave off the devastating and long-lasting impacts of this disease, and this philanthropic investment is intended to make a meaningful contribution to this effort.”

Nancy Huntington Stager, President and CEO of Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, added, “Evidence of the impact of this virus outbreak on our neighbors, families, and small businesses is everywhere. And, we also see the resiliency, sheer will, and hope of people across our region as they band together to help one another. The need for assistance continues to grow, and we will continue to do whatever we can to give back as well as encourage those who are able to do so to join us.”

Early Childhood Development Recognizing investments in high-quality, early childhood development programs are one of the most economically efficient ways to create greater upward mobility for adults and children, enriching early childhood development was a major focus of EBCF philanthropy and civic engagement in 2019 and continues in 2020. The COVID-19 crisis further stressed an already fragile early childhood development system of providers, professionals, families, and organizations. It is also clear that without significant relief and resources, the current state of the child care system will severely limit the ability of families and businesses to successfully recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

EBCF is providing \$2 million to organizations focused on:

- Equipping emergency child care programs with cleaning and protective supplies to ensure healthy and successful operations;
- Providing vulnerable families with food and other basic needs and supplies;
- Providing financial assistance to impacted early childhood development workers;
- Supporting business sustainability technical assistance to early childhood providers, as part of a growing coalition of public and private partners, and
- Continuing support of The Basics to share the principles that families can put into practice now to support their children’s development during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond.

Vulnerable Populations

The deployment of \$3 million will support vulnerable populations in the following ways:

- \$1 million to organizations aiding immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers, who from hospitals, to grocery stores, to cleaning services, and transportation, are working on the front lines of this crisis, in roles with higher exposure to the virus as well as to layoffs and closures;
- \$500,000 to organizations helping individuals and families who are homeless, including the newly or nearly homeless as a result of housing insecurities compounded by the virus outbreak;
- \$500,000 to organizations assisting victims of domestic violence, as the very restrictions imposed to keep people home and safe from the virus create opportunities for sexual abuse, verbal abuse, and physical violence, particularly for women and the

LGBTQ+ community;

- \$500,000 to organizations helping elders in our communities, as they cope and adjust to new circumstances in food insecurity, financial challenges, and isolation brought on by the virus; and
- \$500,000 to organizations aiding people with mental health needs, as physical distancing and other measures to reduce the transmission of the virus exacerbate challenges for people with mental health conditions and their caregivers.

Grants will support organizations in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Grant recipients will be pre-determined by EBCF so that funds are disbursed as quickly as possible. Additionally in March, EBCF’s \$3 million investment provided support to more than 150 local and regional nonprofit partners providing relief in food security and access to community healthcare as well as support to organizations helping small businesses, with a focus on small businesses of color.

In support of #GivingTuesdayNow, a global day of giving and unity on May 5, 2020 as a response to the enormous need caused by COVID-19, Eastern Bank customers are also encouraged to use Eastern Give For Good, a new charitable giving account that makes fee-free donations right from an Eastern Mobile and Online Banking account.

About Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation (EBCF)

Created in 1994 through a contribution from Eastern Bank and funded annually by Eastern

Bank, the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Boston-based Eastern Bank. Charitable giving remains central to Eastern’s purpose to help people and our communities prosper, and EBCF has provided tens of millions of dollars to non-profit partners across the local region since its creation. Through philanthropy, employee volunteerism, advocacy, and collaborations with other businesses and community partners, EBCF responds to community needs and supports sustainable solutions to our society’s most vexing challenges. Learn more at www.easternbank.com/foundation.

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U.S. Attorney’s office and Homeland Security investigations remind parents of risks to children online

The U.S. Attorney’s Office and Homeland Security Investigations are partnering to alert parents and guardians of the potential dangers to children online, and providing guidance for internet safety.

As a result of school closings due to COVID-19, children are increasingly using online resources for schoolwork as well as entertainment. Due to increased access to and reliance on social media, chatting apps, gaming, and other internet-based platforms, children may be more vulnerable to sexual exploitation. Now more than ever before, it is imperative that parents and guardians take steps to educate and protect children online.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office and Homeland Security Investigations have partnered to develop an awareness campaign, “Think Before You Click,” to encourage parents and guardians to discuss internet safety with children of all ages and to monitor internet use. Included are tips for identifying potential victimization and resources to report concerns. The flyer was distributed to law enforcement officers and school leaders throughout the Commonwealth.

“Children are susceptible to online predators because they are often unaware of how dangerous online environments can be,” said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. “Children

are at an even greater inadvertent risk now due to school closures and the prevalence of ongoing learning and leisure activities. Through “Think Before You Click,” we aim to make parents and guardians more cognizant of the dangers to children online, and arm them with tools to protect children’s privacy.”

“The COVID-19 pandemic has created an increase in online activity, whereby students are utilizing the internet and social media as a key source of education and entertainment. The marked increase in social media usage and lessened social interaction may create opportunity for predators to exploit our children. That being said, parental super-

vision, open discussions about internet safety, active monitoring, and smarter use of privacy settings will reduce the chance of victimization from child predators,” said Michael S. Shea, Acting Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Boston. “The inherent dangers presented by social media applications are evident. HSI and our law enforcement partners will continue to take an aggressive, whole of government approach to identifying, disrupting, and dismantling those malicious organizations and actors who seek to prey upon our children.”

This effort was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood

(PSC), a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. PSC marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as identify and rescue victims. PSC also conducts education and outreach programs aimed at combating and preventing technology-facilitated crimes. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

Gov. Baker signs order requiring face coverings in public

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker on May 1 signed an order requiring face masks or coverings for everyone when six feet of distance cannot be maintained. The order went into effect on May 6, and children under the age of two and those unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition are exempt.

Face coverings must be worn inside pharmacies, grocery stores, and other retail stores, and “also when providing or using the services of any taxi, car, livery, ride-sharing, or similar service or any means of mass public transit, or while within an enclosed or semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area,” the order states.

The order also states that people are “strongly discouraged” from wearing medical-grade masks, as those are in limited supply and should be saved for first responders and healthcare workers.

“This is going to be basically a way of life, okay, there’s no ifs, no ands, no buts, no doubts,” Baker said at a recent press conference, “and I certainly think for the most part if you can’t distance inside or outside, you’re going to be expected to wear a face covering or a mask.”

Businesses are allowed to deny entry of any person who refuses to wear a mask and does not have a valid medical reason not to, the order says.

“The Department of Public Health, local boards of health

and authorized agents...are authorized to enforce this Order and if necessary may do so with the assistance of State or municipal police,” according to the order, and while there is no standard fee implemented across the board, Baker is enabling municipalities to charge up to \$300 per violation of the order or guidance from the Department of Public Health.

“One of the major issues associated with this particular virus,” Baker said, is that a “very significant portion of the people who contract this virus will never show symptoms at all. I can’t stress that one enough.”

He said this is why masks are especially important, as their “main purpose is to protect [others] from you as much as it is to protect you from [others].”

Reopening Advisory Board

Last week, the Baker-Polito administration announced the creation of a 17 person reopening advisory board that has been working over the past week and over the weekend on a phased plan to reopen the state

Reopening is “certainly something that I think is at the forefront of everyone’s mind,” Baker said at a press conference on April 20. “The advisory board has hit the ground running,” he added, and has met with business organizations and leaders from municipalities across the Commonwealth. He said the goal for the board is to “hear from employers from across the Commonwealth,” and to “gather as much data as they possibly can

to make sure that we can offer up specific guidance.”

So far, the board has met virtually with stakeholders from “23 different industry associations and community coalitions,” Baker said, which represent more than 100,000 businesses and over 1.4 million employees in retail, life sciences, restaurants, tourism, construction, recreation, and more.

He said that the “best way to handle the reopening” is to “do it in a way consistent with data and recommendations” that come from other countries and different levels of government.

“This work is obviously going to be critical to make sure a smart, phased reopening will take place in Massachusetts,” Baker said on April 30.

He said in the coming weeks, more “concrete” plans will be available about what each phase will look like, and “where certain activities and industries fit into which phase.” Baker also said information for businesses, such as guidance for social distancing and cleaning, will also be made available.

Baker said he was “very grateful to the many people across industries that have had to close their doors and adjust their work styles” during this crisis. “I think everybody’s anxious to find a way to safely move forward.”

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito reminded residents on May 4 that when May 18 comes, it “doesn’t mean the economy across the Commonwealth will just open,” she said. Governor Baker has reiterated several times throughout

the past couple weeks that they must rely on testing and hospital data to make the safest decision for what can open when.

“When the public health data indicates that COVID-19 is on that sustained downward trend that’s been discussed by so many previously, we’ll be able to resume more and more activities going forward,” Baker said.

Contact Tracing Update

On April 30, Baker said that about 1000 people are working on the contact tracing collaborative, and so far, the average number of contacts for infected people is two.

He said that this “means that the work that all of you and we have done here in Massachusetts to stay at home, separate, and socially distance has made a big difference.”

He said the conversations that contact tracing callers have had with people has heavily leaned towards providing people with guidance and support and answering their questions and concerns around the virus and isolation practices.

Baker said that calls from an 833 or 857 area code or a Caller ID of MA COVID TEAM should be answered, as they are important for providing vital information to stop the spread of the virus.

Testing, Hospitalization Rate Update

Baker said on May 4 that May 3 was the “single highest” number of tests conducted in a single day in the Commonwealth, and it’s “good to see the total test numbers continue to increase.”

He said that as of May 3, 3,617 patients were hospitalized due to COVID-19, which is five percent of the total cases in the state.

“COVID hospitalizations have actually been decreasing in the past several days, with very few spikes in new admissions,” he said.

He added the number of patients in the ICU has dropped as well.

He said that while there are “obviously still thousands of people” who are sick, “the numbers have started to trend in the right direction” and different parts of the state are in different stages.

He added that the state has had “tremendous success” with the Telehealth program, and people should continue using it to communicate with health care providers, but if people are experiencing a medical emergency, they should call 911 or go to the emergency room, as hospitals have plenty of room and are prepared to care for non-COVID related conditions.

Baker said that he will “continue to ramp up testing for months to come,” and will continue to invest in the contact tracing program. He also said that it’s “important to remember that as long as there is no vaccine,” the state will have to continue discussions about how to operate the state in the most safe way.

“The threat of future transmission and illness will be with us for a very long time and we can’t forget that,” Baker said.

Justice Department committed to investigating predatory practices in housing amid pandemic

The Attorney General has directed U.S. Attorney’s Offices across the country to investigate reports of housing-related sexual harassment resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic.

As the country adopts drastic measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, many Americans have lost their jobs and many more have seen their wages curtailed. These losses have forced some to seek abatements or suspensions of their rent. According to a recent memo from the Attorney General, there have been reports of landlords who have responded to requests to defer rent payments with demands for sexual favors and other acts of unwelcome sexual conduct. Such behavior is illegal under the Fair

Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin and disability. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by the Act. Sexual harassment by landlords, property managers, maintenance workers, and others with power over housing often impacts society’s most vulnerable populations.

“Sexual harassment in housing is illegal and despicable,” said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. “No person should have to tolerate this behavior in order to keep a roof over his or her head. This conduct is unacceptable in normal times, and certainly will not be tolerated in the midst of a pandemic. My of-

fice will aggressively investigate these cases.”

The Attorney’s General’s directive reaffirms the commitment that the Department of Justice made when it launched the Sexual Harassment Initiative in October 2017. The initiative seeks to identify barriers to reporting sexual harassment in housing, increase awareness of its enforcement efforts – both among survivors and those they may report to – and collaborate with federal, state, and local partners to increase reporting and help survivors quickly and easily connect with federal resources.

If you think you are a victim of sexual harassment by a landlord, or other person who has control over housing, resulting from the

COVID-19 crisis, contact the U.S. Attorney’s Office by calling 888-221-6023 or emailing USAMA.VictimAssistance@usdoj.

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Goldberg launches empowerment grant for small businesses

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The Office of Economic Empowerment is seeking to award small businesses in Gateway Cities across the state. The goal of the program is to stabilize and support the well-being of small businesses by providing access to capital and building finan-

cial empowerment through one or more trainings. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available and will empower small business owners to support business continuity and foster ingenuity amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"These financial empowerment grants will provide our local business owners and their employees with some needed resources to survive this unprecedented crisis," said Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. "I am honored to support our state's small businesses who contribute so much to our

economy and our communities."

Applicants are eligible if they are considered a small business, have been in operation for at least one year, and are registered in Massachusetts. Preference will be given to those that operate in a Gateway City. Minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned, and/or immigrant-owned small businesses are encouraged to apply. To submit applications, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/the-empowerment-grant-for-small-businesses>.

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Markey for U.S. Senate campaign blows past signature goal of 10,000

Staff Report

The Ed Markey for U.S. Senate campaign this evening announced that it has received over 23,600 signatures from an unprecedented sweep of the state—with requests for nomination papers from 343 of the 351 cities and towns.

As a result of the massive lev-

el of voter support from thousands of volunteers, who contributed countless hours of their time, Senator Markey will appear on the September 1 primary ballot. The campaign will file the signatures with the Secretary of State's Office next week. Senator Markey participated in a virtual video call this evening where he thanked over 360 supporters for their efforts.

After successfully winning 70 percent of the support at local city and town caucuses earlier this year—a significant grassroots show of support—the Markey campaign also gathered 7,000 signatures by engaging with voters at coffee shops, libraries, and in their homes, and the campaign was on track to have the required number of signatures prior to the May 4 deadline. Through suc-

cessful digital and relational organizing, in the weeks following the cancelation of the caucuses, the Markey campaign saw an enormous outpouring of support resulting in today's announcement.

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Navigators sign southpaws Randolph, Hanno

The North Shore Navigators have added two left-handed pitchers with strong New England ties to their roster for the Futures Collegiate Baseball League's 2020 season.

UMass Lowell's Jake Randolph and Franklin Pierce's Patrick Hannon will both pitch for the Navs this summer. President and General Manager Derek January made the signings official with Friday's announcement.

Randolph will continue his collegiate journey as a River Hawk junior this fall, but he began his college career at the University of North Carolina and then spent 2020 at Central Alabama Community College. The 6-foot-6, 235-pound native of Exeter, N.H., posted a 1.80 ERA and seven strikeouts over five innings of work for the Trojans this spring. He played baseball and

basketball at Exeter High before moving to Cheshire Academy for his final two scholastic years and graduating as a Perfect Game All-American and New Hampshire's No. 2 high school prospect in 2017.

Scouting Report: Great athlete and competitor on the mound ... three-pitch arsenal ... 86-90mph ... finally healthy with a big upside ... MLB comp: Andrew Miller.

Hannon appeared in six games as a junior at Franklin Pierce after serving as one of the Ravens' key relievers during a Northeast-10 Conference championship season in 2019. The 6-foot-3, 200-pounder from Willington, Conn., struck out 10 in seven frames for the Division 2 program this spring, didn't allow an earned run in three games, and earned his third college win

against Adelphi. His 19 relief outings last season were tied for second on the team, trailing only Winthrop native classmate and fellow Navigator Jack Wallace. Hannon spent the two previous summers with the Bristol Blues (2018) and Westfield Starfires (2019) in the FCBL.

Scouting Report: Tall, lean lefty who throws three pitches for strikes ... 86-89mph ... coming into his own on the mound ... hides the ball well ... MLB comp: Danny Duffy.

The Navs are now preparing for the 13th season of collegiate ball at Fraser Field and their ninth in the Futures League, which will begin on a date to be determined this summer. Stay up to date on the latest Navs news by visiting nnavs.com and following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Town of Nahant requires employees, customers to wear face coverings at essential businesses

Town Administrator Tony Barletta has issued an emergency order mandating that all essential businesses require their employees and customers to wear face coverings to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The emergency order will go into effect Friday, May 1, and requires protective face coverings to be worn by anyone entering an essential business, as well as limits capacity inside essential businesses to five customers at a time. The order also requires essential businesses that have not done so already to place markings to help enforce social distancing between individuals at points of contact, such as cash registers.

Members of the general public age two and older entering any essential business are also required to wear a face covering.

"With warmer weather on its way, we felt it was important to

make this change now in order to keep everyone safe as they start to head outdoors more frequently," said Board of Selectmen Chair Richard Lombard. "Many of us are wearing a face covering when out in public already and we appreciate everyone's cooperation during this unprecedented time."

Face coverings can be made out of household fabrics and materials, and should ideally have multiple layers. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, which should be left for medical professionals and first responders.

Key elements to remember when wearing a face covering include:

- It should fit snugly against the side of your face
- It should be secured with ties or ear loops
- It should have multiple layers

of fabric

- It should allow for breathing without restriction

- Fabric face coverings should be cleaned after each use and should be machine washable and dryer safe

- Always remove the mask directly into the laundry or trash and then immediately wash your hands

- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth when removing your mask

"As a coastal community, the amount of activity in our town directly correlates to the weather," said Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Mark Cullinan. "That means it is more important now than ever that we continue to practice social distancing, and take additional practical steps to protect the health of our residents and to reduce the spread of the COVID-19."

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Unemployment data shows new claims are overwhelmingly from white residents

Staff Report

For the fourth week in a row, new unemployment claims were lower than the previous week, and new data from the state shows that more than 80 percent of new claims since March 15 came from residents describing themselves as white.

Of the 722,552 new claims since March 15, some 82 percent – or 459,511 claims – were from white residents, with the next highest racial group being Hispanic residents at 15 percent (91,779 claims). That did not include the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims, which is a new type of unemployment for self-employed, gig workers and other workers that don't typically qualify for unemployment.

Of the other groups represented, Black/African Americans made up 10 percent of the new claims (54,584 claims) and Asian residents made up 8 percent (44,018).

The state Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) did not give any reasons as to the large numbers of white residents

claiming unemployment since March 15. The sectors of the economy with the most new claims included Retail Trade, Food & Accommodations, and Healthcare & Social Assistance.

From April 19 to April 25, Massachusetts had 70,552 individuals file an initial claim for standard Unemployment Insurance (UI), the fourth consecutive week of fewer initial claims filed over the previous week. Since March 15, a total of 722,009 initial claims were filed. As the number of initial claims continues to decrease, the number of claimants filing for their weekly benefit each week continues to grow. For the week of April 19 to April 25, there were a total of 527,538 claimants, an increase of 13.8% over the previous week, who filed for their weekly unemployment benefits. Food and Accommodation with 93,168, Retail Trade at 69,333 and Health and Social Assistance with 66,202 showed the largest number of claimants who filed for their weekly unemployment benefits.

The Cares Act created a new temporary federal program called

Industry	Week Ending 4/18	Week Ending 4/25	Change	% Change
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	281	208	-73	-26.0%
Mining	13	12	-1	-7.7%
Utilities	82	50	-32	-39.0%
Construction	4,754	3,155	-1,599	-33.6%
Manufacturing	5,065	3,798	-1,267	-25.0%
Wholesale Trade	3,709	2,452	-1,257	-33.9%
Retail Trade	12,669	10,085	-2,584	-20.4%
Transportation & Warehouse	3,292	3,289	-3	-0.1%
Information	1,336	1,200	-136	-10.2%
Finance & Insurance	536	592	56	10.4%
Real Estate	1,040	977	-63	-6.1%
Professional and Technical Services	4,359	3,775	-584	-13.4%
Management of Companies	486	421	-65	-13.4%
Administrative & Waste Services	4,956	4,788	-168	-3.4%
Education	1,653	2,140	487	29.5%
Health & Social Assistance	9,249	9,271	22	0.2%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,777	1,889	112	6.3%
Food & Accommodation	9,564	7,515	-2,049	-21.4%
Other Services	5,383	4,833	-550	-10.2%
Public Administration	1,244	1,604	360	28.9%
Information Not Available	8,705	8,498	-207	-2.4%

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), which provides unemployment benefits to individuals who are self-employed, gig workers and those not covered

by regular unemployment compensation. In the week of April 19 to April 25, there were a total of 171,598 PUA claims.

From March 15 to April 25,

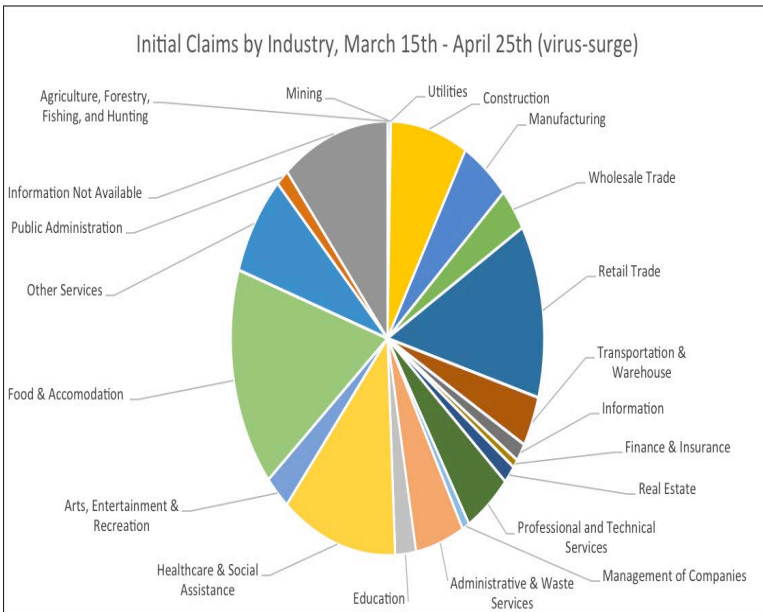
combining UI and PUA, Massachusetts had a total of 893,607 claims filed for unemployment insurance.

Currently, the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is paying standard Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits to around 450,000 claimants and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance to around 150,000 claimants. Since March 15, nearly 700,000 Massachusetts total claims have been paid amounting to more than \$2.3 Billion in disbursements to beneficiaries of both programs.

Over the last month, the customer service staff at DUA has grown from around 50 employees to more than 1,200. The remote customer service operation is now making more than 25,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host daily unemployment town halls, held in both English and Spanish, which have been attended by more than 200,000 constituents. Massachusetts was one of the first states to successfully launch the PUA program. Due to DUA's previous efforts to migrate their systems to the cloud, the first unemployment agency in the country to do so, the unemployment online platforms for both regular UI and PUA has maintained functionality throughout the surge in demand.

*Below data and graphs relate to standard Unemployment Insurance (UI) only Initial Claims Filed.

	Claimants	Percentage
Female	344952	53.00%
Male	305840	47.00%
Hispanic or Latino	91779	14.90%
Not Hispanic or Latino	524162	85.10%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3297	0.59%
Asian	44018	7.82%
Black or African American	54584	9.69%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1839	0.33%
white	459511	81.58%



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