Follow-up for Positive COVID-19 Cases and their Close Contacts

Tools for LBOHs

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Topics Today

- COVID-19 Immediate Notification Workflow
  - check daily and complete Step 1 to clear out cases
- LBOH Report Reviewed
- Sharing/Unsharing cases
- LBOH Action Needed for your IHE/Boarding Schools – due by 8/11/2021
- Reminders & FAQs
  - Exemptions to Quarantine
  - Defining Close Contact
  - Defining Breakthrough Cases
  - Documenting Vaccination Status
- Masking Guidance Updates
- DESE Updates for Fall
- Provincetown Cluster

Kids: It’s time to have “THE TALK”
With your parents!

How to have “The Talk” with your parents:
• Don’t be embarrassed. Be open and honest…
• Reserve judgment – everyone thinks about it …
• Address the myths they’ve heard …
• Share the facts, even if they think they know it all …
• And don’t forget to talk about protection…

Your parents may think they know everything about it because they’ve heard other parents posting on social media. That’s OK – that’s the way parents are.
But set them straight. Teach them the science. Tell them you love them. Then tell them to GET VACCINATED!!
MDPH Conducts Weekly COVID-19 Case Investigation Webinars

- MDPH presents weekly on Tuesdays 11:00-12:15
- Updates in Guidance
- Troubleshooting MAVEN
- How to conduct case investigations and contact tracing in different settings.
- Target Audience: Health Agents, Contact Tracers, and Public Health Nurses doing this work.

MAVEN Help has Guidance Documents and Previous Webinars:

Webinars: Tuesdays @ 11am

ME, TAKING AN UBER TO GET PAMPERED THE FIRST DAY I EMERGED AFTER QUARANTINE

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Higher Ed Contact List
COVID-19 Case Investigations

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Updates for today, Tuesday, 8/3/2021

- LBOH Immediate Workflow – COVID-19 event only – please check your workflow TODAY and clear out the workflow
- COVID Variant of Concern Extract/Report – report added for viewing all cases with variants of concern or high consequence. Provides detailed information of which one by event/case.
- Vaccine Information in MAVEN
- LBOH Reports
- Sharing and Unsharing Cases

- LBOH Action Needed for your IHE/Boarding Schools
Immediate Notification workflow (COVID-19 Only)

- **UPDATE:** COVID-19 Immediate Notification Workflow - **555**
  events in this workflow this morning

  - This will allow proper notification of all new COVID-19 events for your jurisdiction. *(Confirmed and Probable Cases)*

  - Please review all events/cases in this workflow and complete your **Step 1 - LBOH Notification to “Yes”** to clear out this workflow.

  - If you are retaining ownership then complete **Step 2** (Investigation Started) & **Step 3** (LBOH Investigator (name, lboh, phone number))

  - When you are done then complete Step 4 (Case Report Form Complete)

  - You can complete **Step 5** if you want – if not then leave blank
Report Tip Sheet has been Updated in MAVEN Help

- COVID-19 Materials/Training
- Case Follow-Up Tools
- Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC)
- Clusters/Outbreaks
- Daycare/Childcare/K-12 School Resources/Sports
- Guidance Documents & Resources
- Higher Education/Boarding Schools
- MAVEN Tip Sheets & General Instructions
  - Bulk Action Process Instructions for Workflows, COVID Assistance to YES_Dec22
  - MAVEN Higher Ed Boarding School Cluster Tip Sheet_ver1.0_Sep04
  - Creating Cluster Events in MAVEN Tip Sheet_ver1.0_Sep14
  - How to Link two existing cases in MAVEN?
  - Contact Event Data Cleaning_ver1.0_June5
  - LBOH Line List for Emergency Responders_ver3.0_May22
  - LBOH COVID-19 Report Tip Sheet_ver4.0_April2021
  - LBOH COVID-19 LBOH COVID-19 Assistance to No_ver1.0_May2
  - LBOH COVID-19 Cluster Outbreak Line List Report Tip Sheet_ver1.0_May5

LBOH Reports
To run MAVEN Reports, you need to manually enter the city/town/county. You need to enter in all caps, for example - "Lowell" needs to be entered as "LOWELL". Some reports you have to search first for your city/town and then select prior to running the report. Click Run Report button.

1) COVID-19 LBOH Confirmed and Probable Case list Report - report runs on first positive specimen date for your confirmed & probable events/cases. Your city/town name must be in all CAPS. Limit the data parameter to 30 days. Report runs on first positive specimen date.
COVID Variant of Concern Extract/Report

- **COVID Variants of Concern Extract** - report will display events with sequencing results indicative of a variant of concern or high consequence.
- Report is based on specimen date of the sequenced specimen.
- Please limit your date parameters to 30 days.
MAVEN – MIIS Immunization Integration for COVID Events

- MIIS Information Questions are in the Administrative Question Package
  - Checks Confirmed Cases and Contacts
  - Two weeks later we check MIIS again
- MIIS query may successfully find the person but may not mean the vaccine information is in the MIIS system
- These date fields show the 1st and 2nd query has occurred
- These are not editable
MIIS Integration to MAVEN (March 2021)
LBOH Event Information Extract

- **LBOH Event Information Extract** - report will display events with data from the question packages.
- **Question Package #4** – Vaccine Information

### Maven Reporting

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Sharing Cases

Step 1: Navigate to the contact or case event you wish to share. You can either find it by clicking the View hyperlink next to “Linked Events/Contacts:” within the source case and finding it in the Linked Events table if you just created it as a linked event, or you can use the Search Event functionality found in the left-hand pane on the MAVEN home screen.

Step 2: Once you are in the event, click on the Share Event tab in the pane on the left.

Step 3: Under the Type dropdown, select View & Update Full. This will allow your team to have full read/write access to the event.

Step 4: Under the User Group dropdown, select your town. All towns begin with LBOH – and will be in alphabetical order. By selecting your town’s LBOH group, it will allow access to everyone who has MAVEN access in your town. Leave the User dropdown blank, and make sure Allow Delegation is unchecked. Use this same process for sharing with another town’s user group as well.

Step 5: Click Save

Congratulations! You have now shared that out-of-jurisdiction contact case with everyone in your town (or another town’s user group) that has MAVEN access. You will see this populated in the Currently Shared table. From there, click Dashboard to go back into the event.
**Un-Sharing Cases**

**Step 1:** Open your workflow – Shared Cases – Cases shared with me or my Group(s)

**Step 2:** Open an event/case from the workflow

**Step 3:** Check the **Share Event** Link

**Step 4:** Click the **Unshare** hyperlink in the Action column (look to the far right)

**Step 5:** Click Dashboard not Save button to return to main page

Congratulations! You have now unshared your event/case – once the workflow refreshes it will clear out of your workflow.

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**Shared Events**

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**Share Event - Test Lawrence - Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)**

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<td>View &amp; Update Full</td>
<td>08/04/2021</td>
<td>Scott Troppy [stroppy]</td>
<td>LBOH - Lawrence</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unshare</td>
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Action Needed – Higher Education MAVEN Approvals (due 8/11)

- Email sent to LBOH 7/29/21 asking for a review of existing MAVEN users and review of your plans for 2021-22
- Plan and Communication with IHE/Boarding Schools
- Email maventraining@mass.gov with questions
Get the Training Basics Here:

**Introduction to COVID-19 Follow-up Part 1 – May 11, 2021**
- Part 1 Intro Training Slides
- Part 1 Intro Training Recording

**Introduction to COVID-19 Follow-up Part 2 – May 18, 2021**
- Part 2 Intro Training Slides
- Part 2 Intro Training Recording

**COVID-19 Cluster Events Training – May 25, 2021**
- Cluster Training Slides
- Cluster Training Recording

- There are tools available for you to help collect information on close contacts and to calculate out their quarantine period (and potential quarantine options as applicable).
  - All tools, including the Interview Tool, are available on MAVEN Help.
    - You do NOT have to be in MAVEN or be a MAVEN user to access these tools. They are available online.
  - Close Contact Form (1 Contact Extended Calculation Tool)
  - Close Contact Form (2 Contacts)
Summary of Key Guidance & Tools

- **MA Testing Guidance: Updated June 14, 2021**
  - [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-testing-guidance](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-testing-guidance)

- **MA Travel Information**
  - Return to normal travel recommendations for vaccinated people, and says to check CDC pages for the latest on domestic and international travel.

- **Isolation & Quarantine Guidance Documents**
    - Guidance states recently recovered (in first 90 days) and fully vaccinated people do not need to quarantine.

- **Date:** March 8, 2021 – Occupational Exposure & Return to Work Guidance
  - Now includes language about recently recovered and fully vaccinated people.

- **Pediatric Clinical Testing Advisory**
  - 11/25/2020 Advises Pediatricians to Test for COVID-19 in all patients with symptoms compatible with COVID, regardless of age

- **Date:** 10/21/2020 COVID-19 Testing Scenarios FAQ
  - Describes different lab test results and what to do
  - Outlines discordant results and what they mean

- **05/06/2021 Updated COVID-19 Case Classification Manual**
Summary of Key Guidance & Tools

Date: 8/22/2020 - MDPH COVID-19 PCR and Antibody Testing Public Health Response Recommendations

• Table describes different Public Health Actions based upon different testing results.
• Big take home: PCR & Antigen positive patients should be treated like cases.
• Serology positive cases do not require public health follow-up.

Date 8/10/2020 - MDPH Follow-up Table for Positive Antigen Test Results

• Reminder that while Antigen Tests = Probable, we still treat like a case and isolate accordingly & do contact tracing.
• A PCR obtained at the same time (w/i 2 calendar days) will trump the antigen test result.

Date: 03/16/2021– Updated CDC Guidance on Duration of Isolation & Precautions for Adults with COVID-19

• 10 Day Isolation Period now has more data supporting it.
• Ignore most additional PCR tests up to 3 months after initial illness onset.
• No need to quarantine up to 3 months after initial illness onset.
CDC Updated Pages

• **CDC Vaccines Guidance Page:**
  • “Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States”
  • Everything you need to know regarding vaccination guidelines.

• **Immunization Action Coalition (IAC)’s Ask the Experts page**
  • [https://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_cov.asp](https://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_cov.asp)
  • Great resource for all your vaccine questions in a Q&A format.

• **CDC guidance on VACCINATED PEOPLE:**
  • *Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People*
  • Talks about what precautions are still needed for fully vaccinated people, etc.
  • Some recommendations are still under consideration here in MA.
Updates – A quick recap for August 3, 2021

We Last Met June 29th:

- Reminders
  - MassNotify is Live
- Serology Testing
  - Don’t sign off on Suspect Cases in Admin Question Package (Step 1)
- Breakthrough Cases
  - Data in MA
- Identifying Variants in your Cases
- Repeat Positive Evaluation

Always Remember you can see all previous webinar recordings and slides in MAVEN Help.

When Exemptions Apply for Isolation or Quarantine

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<th>COVID – Recovered*</th>
<th>Fully Vaccinated*</th>
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<td>• &lt;90 Days since symptom onset or lab date = <strong>NO Quarantine</strong></td>
<td>• NO quarantine or test required unless symptoms develop</td>
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<td>New Positive Lab Result</td>
<td>• &lt;90 Days since symptom onset or lab date = <strong>NO new Isolation</strong></td>
<td>• YES, a positive lab is a case and would need to isolate accordingly/contacts quarantine.</td>
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*This table applies to community cases in non-healthcare and non-congregate settings.

NOTE: Make sure you have the correct Quarantine Guidance Document. (An old version did only give vaccinated people 90 days exemption from quarantine, but there is currently no time limit after vaccination.)
Vaccinated Contacts: CDC vs. MA Guidance

- **CDC Updated Guidance** on Vaccinated Contacts:
  - Added a recommendation for fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested 3-5 days after exposure, and to wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

- **Current Mass.gov Guidance** on Vaccinated Contacts:
  - *Monitor for symptoms if you are a close contact to someone with COVID-19.*
    - You are not required to quarantine following an exposure. However, you should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure. If you experience symptoms, isolate yourself from others, seek testing, and contact your healthcare provider.
Close Contact: Updated Definition

The mass.gov definition of Close Contact has been updated to **Exclude Outdoor exposures**.

This is the **wording on mass.gov** (updated early Summer 2021):

- **How do I know if I am a close contact of someone with COVID-19?**
  - You are a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person if you were within 6 feet of them while **indoors**, for at least 15 minutes, while they were symptomatic or within the 48 hours before symptom onset.
  - You are also a close contact if you were within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes of someone while **indoors**, who tested positive for COVID-19 in the 48 hours before their test was taken or anytime in the 10 days after the test.
  - According to CDC guidance, individuals are less likely to be exposed to COVID-19 during outdoor activities, even without the use of masks.
Reminder: Outdoor Exposures

• Just a reminder that outdoor exposures are not considered close contact requiring quarantine in MA at this time.

• That said, use judgement. Exposure to respiratory droplets is still considered a close contact. Examples where close contact might apply:
  
  • Kissing,
  • Sharing drinks, etc.

• Also think about bookending outdoor contact with indoor time (rides, inside the building before and after an outdoor event, etc.)

• For settings like camps, pools, sports, etc., was the exposure outdoors or indoors? Let that determine your guidance regarding identifying close contacts for quarantine.

• Outdoor exposure does not always mean NO exposures, but it doesn’t meet our definition of close contact which requires quarantine at this time.
Cases After Being Fully Vaccinated

- **Breakthrough Disease** is any positive test obtained Day 14 or later following the final dose in a vaccine series.
  - Person was not previously positive (in last 45 days).

- **Note:** Vaccination will not make you test positive. If you test positive, even if you are fully vaccinated, you are a case. You will need to isolate.

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Day 0   Day 1   Day 2   Day 3   Day 4   Day 5   Day 6   Day 7   Day 8   Day 9   Day 10   Day 11   Day 12   Day 13   Day 14   Day 15   Day 16   Day 17

Final Dose

Any positive here is not official Breakthrough Disease.

Fully Vaccinated Day 14

Cases of Breakthrough Disease are positive tests from Day 14 or after.
Documenting Vaccination Among Cases

So Important!!!

• Please complete the Vaccine Question Package in MAVEN to track vaccination history data.

• Ask your cases if they have been vaccinated and complete the Vaccine Question Package questions.
  • You can also check MIIS.

• This information will be very important as we track cases going forward.
Documenting Vaccination Among Cases

If not vaccinated, why not received?

- Missed Opportunity
  - They didn’t go back for their second dose.
  - Haven’t gotten around to it.
- Patient/Parent Refusal
- Philosophical Objection
- Religious Objection
- Underage
  - Select if <12 yrs

NOT VACCINATED is just as important to be SURE to document (Select No Vaccine Administered). Otherwise we don’t know if the person is not vaccinated or just never was asked.
Documenting Vaccination Among Cases

• If they have an international vaccine that is not listed, select **Unspecified COVID-19 Vaccine** and complete the info as a text entry.
Documenting Vaccination Among Cases

• **Vaccine** – repeatable field for multiple doses (just click Add New).
  - **Dose Date**: add date administered.
  - **Manufacturer**: select appropriate or Unknown
  - **Lot #**: if you have it, please enter it. (Again check MIIS)
  - **Vaccine Information Source**:
    - **Patient Recall** (from memory – not verified)
    - **Written Record** (vaccine card or document from patient)
    - **Medical Provider** (confirmed via written or verbal report or call w/ provider)
  - If patient says they weren't vaccinated, select Patient or Parent's recall as source.
Vaccine Information in MAVEN

- MAVEN now looks for matching records in MIIS and will update relevant COVID-19 vaccine information in MAVEN **WHEN THERE IS AN EXACT MATCH.**
  - MAVEN will attempt this match 2 times.
  - If you started with incomplete or incorrect demographics in your event, there will definitely not be a match.

- Even if a full vaccination series is uploaded into the MAVEN event, **you should confirm vaccination status for both Cases and Contacts.**
  - Even if a contact does not need to quarantine based upon their vaccine status, they should still be notified about their exposure and the 14 day period they should be extra observant for changes in symptoms.
You can utilize MIIS too!

• Please check MIIS for Vaccine Data on your case/contact. You will likely find a match more readily than the computer.

• Definitely look at onboarding in MIIS if you are not currently on the system.

https://www.miisresourcecenter.com/pages/ResourceCenterTrainingCenter
Masking Guidance Update

Updated MA State **Mask Advisory July 30th**.

- In response to updated CDC Masking Guidance (particularly around vaccinated individuals) MDPH has updated the state masking Advisory.

- **Fully vaccinated individuals** are ADVISED to wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home):
  - If you have a weakened immune system,
  - If you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition,
  - If someone in your household:
    - has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is an unvaccinated adult.

- **Unvaccinated**: Recommended to wear masks in indoor settings and when they can’t socially distance.

- **EVERYONE**: Masks are still mandatory on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.
Masking Guidance Differences

**Masking:**

- **CDC:**
  - Wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.
  - Wear a mask if you have a weakened immune system or if, because of your age or an underlying medical condition, you are at increased risk for severe disease, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is unvaccinated.

- **MA:**
  - Effective July 30, all unvaccinated residents should continue to wear masks in indoor settings and when they can’t socially distance.
  - Vaccinated residents who are at increased risk from COVID-19, or who live with someone with a weakened immune system, at increased risk for severe disease, or is an unvaccinated, should wear a face covering indoors (other than in their home).
DESE (K-12 Fall Guidance)

• DESE/DPH COVID-19 Guidance for Districts and Schools: Fall 2021
  • Email came out Friday, July 30th.

• DESE and DPH will soon release a new version of the “Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios” document.

• Lots of encouraging vaccination and continuing to provide testing.

• https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop/2021-0730fall-2021-covid19-guidance.pdf
DESE (K-12 Fall Guidance)

Masking

- This fall, DESE and DPH strongly recommend that all students in kindergarten through grade 6 wear masks when indoors, except students who cannot do so due to medical conditions or behavioral needs.
  - Masks are not necessary outdoors and may be removed while eating indoors.

- DESE and DPH also strongly recommend that unvaccinated staff in all grades, unvaccinated students in grades 7 and above, and unvaccinated visitors wear masks indoors, in alignment with the statewide advisory on masking.
DESE (K-12 Fall Guidance)

Masking

• DESE and DPH recommend that schools allow vaccinated students to remain unmasked.
  • Any individual at higher risk for severe disease from COVID or with a household member who is at high risk is encouraged to mask regardless of vaccination status consistent with the updated DPH Advisory on Face Coverings and Masks.
  • Any child or family who prefers to mask at school should be supported in this choice.
• By federal public health order, all students and staff are required to wear masks on school buses at this time.
• All staff and students must wear masks while in school health offices. Additional guidance for school health professionals is forthcoming from DPH.
• Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has worked on the Provincetown Cluster!

• MMWR was published on Friday.

• Outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 Infections, Including COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Infections, Associated with Large Public Gatherings — Barnstable County, Massachusetts, July 2021

  • https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7031e2.htm?s_cid=mm7031e2_w#F1_down
COVID-19 Cases Associated with Provincetown

- Cluster Case Definition has been Updated:

  - **Primary Case:** Person with positive laboratory test for SARS-CoV-2 infection (positive antigen test or NAAT, e.g. RT-PCR), with symptom onset or positive test result within 14 days following travel to or residence in Provincetown, MA, during July 3–17.

  - **Secondary Case:** Person with laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection within 14 days of close contact with a confirmed primary case, **without** history of travel to or residence in Provincetown, MA, during July 3–present.

  - Secondary cases should not be linked to the cluster event but should be linked to their index cases.
Provincetown: Current Testing Recommendations

• At this time, anyone with recent travel to Provincetown, MA who develops symptoms should seek testing.

• At this time, anyone with recent travel to Provincetown, MA and who is identified as a close contact to a case in Provincetown should seek testing, regardless of vaccination status and regardless of symptoms.
Provincetown Public Health Advisory

July 19th Town Public Health Advisory Issued:

• Venues with high density where social distancing is not achievable are strongly **advised to enforce vaccine verification** prior to admittance.

• Individuals are encouraged to take steps to manage their personal risk appropriately, and be aware of the following:
  
  • Crowds, especially in indoor spaces where social distancing is not achievable, increase risk of transmission of COVID-19.
  
  • Handshaking, kissing, hugging or other forms of close contact increase risk of transmission of COVID-19.

• Masks are advised indoors where social distancing cannot be achieved.

• All unvaccinated individuals, including children under the age of 12, are required to wear masks both outdoors in crowded areas where social distancing cannot be achieved and in public indoor spaces, per CDC guidelines.
COVID-19 Cases Associated with Provincetown

• A cluster of COVID-19 cases among individuals who live in or visited Provincetown, MA since July 1, 2021 is currently under investigation.

• **115702964 SURV_JulySocialEvents_Provincetown**
  ✓ Lab-confirmed Massachusetts cases who spent time in Provincetown, MA during their incubation period
  ✓ Provincetown subclusters
  • Do not link contacts or out of state cases that happen to have an event in MAVEN

**Current Case Count: 965**
• **577** are Massachusetts residents (60%).
  • Massachusetts residents are from 87 cities and towns, with Provincetown (n=238) and Boston (n=137) having the highest proportion of cases.
So What’s Happening Currently?

• We want to know about cases who traveled to Provincetown in their incubation period who later became cases. These will be MA residents, as well as Out of State Residents.

• MDPH sent out a call to other states requesting information on their cases who also report relevant travel to Provincetown.

  • You may receive calls. Most of those out of state travelers can be referred back to MDPH. We will coordinate follow-up.
So What’s Happening Currently?

• For In-State Cases, we want them documented in their regular MAVEN events and linked to the Provincetown Cluster.

• LBOH received instructions over email in July:
  • Describing how you should be interviewing current cases and asking about travel to Ptown, then documenting in MAVEN.
  • You may need to call MDPH (or email isishelp@mass.gov) to link case to the Ptown Cluster if you don’t currently have access to it.

• MAVEN CLUSTER: 115702964 SURV_JulySocialEvents_Provincetown
1. Documenting Travel to Provincetown in MAVEN – Key Variables

- Document visits to Provincetown in the Risk QP question “Did case travel out-of-state or out-of-country during incubation period?”

  - This does not need to be completed if the individual is a resident of Provincetown.

  - Note: Document travel to Provincetown here even though this travel is not “out of state” for MA residents.
2. Documenting Activities in Provincetown in MAVEN – Key Variables

- **YES Known Contact to a Case:** If your case was identified as having a known exposure to a confirmed or probable case, the following exposure questions should be completed and you can document details regarding where in Provincetown that exposure took place here:

- If case has documented close contact, click ADD NEW to list the names of businesses visited and other relevant information in the “Name of exposure location”
2. Documenting Activities in Provincetown in MAVEN – Key Variables

• **NO Known Contact to a Case:** If your case did not have a known exposure to an identified case, but did participate in activities and venues in Provincetown, document in the “Questions Related to Activities and Settings” section.

• The last question in the Activities and Settings Section is where relevant venues and activities can be named in the text under “Did the case participate in additional activities...”

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Did case participate in any additional activities of note in the 14 days prior to infection that were not covered in the above questions?
Yes

Please describe:
Boat slip resort, Aqua Bar PROVINCETOWN
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• This question is only visible once NO is selected for “Did case have a known exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to infection?”