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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

**GOV. BAKER: INCREASED COVID INFECTIONS STRESSING HOSPITALS –
STATE CURBING ELECTIVE INPATIENT PROCEDURES, EXPANDING TEST
SITES**

**REMINDER: NADA WEBINAR ON LIFO AND EOY TAX IMPLICATIONS –
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1:00 P.M – 2:00 P.M. ET**

State Curbing Elective Inpatient Procedures, Expanding Test Sites

[Courtesy *State House News Service*]

Gov. Charlie Baker said today a "rapid increase" in COVID-19 cases being recorded across Massachusetts in the wake of the Thanksgiving holiday is starting to put pressure on hospitals, which beginning Friday will "curtail" inpatient elective procedures that can be safely postponed.

The governor also said his administration was reviewing the post-Thanksgiving data and considering additional restrictions that might be necessary, and would have more to say "soon." Baker said the rise in infections is not only filling available bed space, but leading to shortages in frontline health care staff who have either contracted the virus or been exposed.

"We can't afford to continue straining the hospital system at this rate," Baker said.

Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders said the curtailment of elective procedures will be limited to inpatient treatments and procedures that impact inpatient capacity, and not outpatient surgeries or appointments for mammograms, regular pediatric checkups or other services.

Baker also announced an expansion of testing that he said will soon give the state the ability to conduct 110,000 tests a week at its state-run sites. The expansion includes three new free express testing sites in Framingham, New Bedford, and Lynn that will be able to test 1,000 people a day. Free "Stop the Spread" testing sites for people with or without symptoms will also be opened in Barnstable, Berkshire, Franklin, and Hampshire counties, bringing the total number of state testing sites to 25.

"All of these sites will be able to deal with the fact that it's getting colder and winter is coming," Baker said.

[MSADA Note: During today's press conference Gov. Baker signaled he will address more comprehensively during Wednesday's press conference demands from health care



comprehensively during Wednesday's press conference demands from health care professionals and municipal officials to impose expanded restrictions and shutdowns with the increased number of infections, hospitalizations, and deaths.]

NADA Webinar: EOY Tax Consequences of LIFO Recapture – Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

As a reminder, in order to help dealers identify **potential approaches to managing the tax consequences of LIFO recapture**, NADA will host a [webinar](#) tomorrow, **Tuesday, December 8, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm Eastern time.**

As you know, COVID-19 disrupted the global automotive supply chain, and many dealers may have significantly lower new car and truck inventories at year end. As a result, LIFO reserves may be impacted, which could result in additional income for dealers using the LIFO accounting method for new vehicles.

Joe Magyar, Tax Partner at Crowe LLP, in the webinar “Impact of Reduced Inventories on LIFO Benefits”, will outline the factors that impact dealer LIFO reserve, as well as strategies that could be implemented to respond to significant potential LIFO recapture taxable income. You can register for the webinar [here](#) or by using the “webinar” link above.

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