

COVID-19 Update from Hampshire Sheriff Patrick J. Cahillane

May 24th, 2022

Work and Family Mobility Act

As of 8 am on Tuesday, May 24th, there is one case of Covid-19 inside the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction. The individual is asymptomatic, in quarantine and is being closely monitored by our medical staff.

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Leaders in the Massachusetts House and Senate are reportedly near a compromise on the "Work and Family Mobility Act," a bill that would expand driver's license access to undocumented immigrants.

I wholeheartedly support this legislation. I believe it is important not only for the individuals directly affected by it, but for everyone who travels on our roads and highways because it will ensure that all drivers know the rules of the road, pass the same driving test, register their vehicles and have insurance.

It is my understanding that at least 15 states and the District of Columbia already grant residents the right to apply for driver's licenses regardless of immigration status, including New York, Vermont and Connecticut. I believe we should join our neighboring states in making our roads safer for all families in Hampshire County and across the Commonwealth.

As long as I am Sheriff, the Hampshire Sheriff's Office will stand for the rights of all people who are seeking to become our friends and neighbors, and who will do the right thing for our county.

It is my hope that House and Senate leaders will continue to work together to assure that the "Work and Family Mobility Act" ultimately becomes the law in our state.

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