DEAF, Inc.’s mission is to inspire people to achieve personal and professional goals through accessible programs and services. We build bridges across communities by increasing communication access and awareness.

Happy New Year

Join our Virtual Workshops!
COVID ALERT!

COVID VARIANT: OMICRON

Learn more about Omicron Variant with the Daily Moth, Alex Abenchuchan and Dr. IV Mirus

Watch it here
COVID DATA TRACKER

Find more information at COVID data tracker

Territories

7-Day Case Rate per 100,000

Data not available 0 - 494.0 675.0 - 965.7 996.0 - 1.2k 1.3k - 1.5k 1.6k - 2.0k 2.1k - 3.4k

CORONAVIRUS

CORONAVIRUS DELTA Variant

COVID-19 OMICRON Variant

Office Locations: Allston • Hyannis • Lawrence • New Bedford • Salem
Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, & Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines & boosters available now

The COVID-19 vaccine & booster are free, safe, & effective.

Everyone age 18+ who lives, works, or studies in Massachusetts & who received Pfizer or Moderna at least 6 months ago or Johnson & Johnson at least 2 months ago should get any booster.

People ages 5-17 can get the Pfizer vaccine. People 18+ can get any vaccine.

FIND A LOCATION AT VAXFINDER.MASS.GOV
## UPDATED mRNA COVID-19 BOOSTER RECOMMENDATIONS

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FIND OUT MORE AT CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS
COVID-19 Vaccine

Who can get it?
Ages 5 and up

How many shots do I need?
Pfizer & Moderna—2 shots
Johnson & Johnson—1 shot

Do I need a ’booster’ - 1 more shot
Everyone age 18+ can should get a booster

Find a location at https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/

COVID-19 booster vaccine discussion with Drs. Ian DeAndrea-Lazarus, Alicia Wooten and Lorne Farovitch.

Watch Here:
NOTICE
VACCINATION REQUIRED

Starting **January 15, 2022**, visitors must have proof of COVID-19 vaccination to enter this business. That verification can be done with:

- A CDC vaccination card
- A digital image of your CDC card
- An image of any official immunization record
- A City of Boston app or any other COVID vaccine verification app

Learn more at [boston.gov/b-together](http://boston.gov/b-together)
Indoor dining, including bars and nightclubs
Indoor fitness
Movie theaters
Music or concert venues
Commercial event and part venues
Museums and galleries
Professional sports arena and indoor stadiums
Convention centers and exhibition halls
Performing arts theaters
Bowling alleys
Other recreational centers
Yoga, pilates, barre, and dance studies
How to get a COVID-19 SMART Health Card?
https://myvaxrecords.mass.gov/

1. Click - "Find my vaccine record,"
2. Fill in – your name, birth date, gender, email, phone number
3. Pin #
   Create/New—4 digit pin number (#####)
4. Next you will get a message (email or text),
   From MyVaxRecords (DPH)
   Click link, Put in your pin number (#####)
5. You will see your COVID-19 SMART Health Card
   Download, screenshot, save to phone/apple wallet.

Tip: Have several email or phone numbers?
   Try different them all
Healthy Relationship SUPPORT GROUP
FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING COMMUNITY

YWCA, CLW and ODSC are here for you.

Join us for discussion about:
• personal empowerment
• self-advocacy
• healthy relationships with others

ASL and Deaf interpreters will be provided. Please request CART 2 weeks in advance.

A collaboration with the Center for Living & Working, Inc. and Our Deaf Survivors Center, Inc.

* MUST RSVP to get the Zoom links.

DATES & TOPICS
1:00 - 2:30 PM via Zoom

January 5, 2022
Healthy Relationships Kick-Off & Terminology by CLW

February 2, 2022
How to be an Ally by YWCA

March 2, 2022
Co-parenting/Parallel Parenting by ODSC

April 6, 2022
Respecting Boundaries by YWCA

May 4, 2022
Communication Abuse by CLW

June 1, 2022
A Survivor's Story by ODSC

TO RSVP and for more information, contact Denise Paro at: dparo@centerlw.org or 508-556-1600.
Everyday Scams and ID Theft Workshop

Save the Date!
March 17th, 2022
1p-3p

Interpreter provided

Will share Zoom link closer to the date.
DO YOU WISH HEARING HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS & RESEARCHERS WERE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE DEAF COMMUNITY?

PARTICIPATE IN A GROUP DISCUSSION TO DEVELOP NEW EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS!

WHO?
• Deaf Community Members
• Deaf Professionals (ex: healthcare providers, researchers)
• Experience with Informed Consent
• Age 18+

WHAT?
• 2-hour focus group on Zoom
• Give feedback on training video: How to Conduct Informed Consent with Deaf Individuals
• Complete a survey
• $150 gift card
• Your info will be kept private

HOW?
• Take a brief survey to see if you qualify: tinyurl.com/signherestudy
• Contact us: Melissa.Anderson@umassmed.edu
  VP: 774-670-4486

Sign Here
Research Study

Deaf YES: Center for Deaf Empowerment and Recovery

"HEARING IMPAIRED"

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Want to buy a house but not sure where to start? Join this workshop!

You will learn:
- What steps are for home buying process
- Life style
- Fears vs. Facts
- Homeownerships vs. Rental
- Do’s and Don’ts
- Benefits of working with real estate agents

January 27, 2022 4:00 pm to 6:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 918888888357
Meeting Passcode: brainfood

A2Y TEAM

Presented by A2Y team: Alan Gifford and Yvonne Dunkle
Licensed realtors in ASL/English

CDI, CART, and voice interpretation requested.
Questions? Contact us at frontdesk@deafinonline.org or 6175054823 (VP)
Enjoy hot chocolate with us

Social night
Meet other people
Chat with us
Enjoy your hot chocolate

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022
5:30pm to 7:30pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 91888388357
Passcode: brainfood

Hosted by Tabatha Patrican and Anuja Nadarajah
If you need accommodations, please contact the Front Desk at 617-505-4823 or frontdesk@deafinconline.org as soon as possible
Need Help?

Received Eviction Notice?

- Call Mass 2-1-1 (dial 211) or mass211.org
- ONLINE—
  - Mass.gov/COVIDHousingHELP
- https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/raa.aspx
- Contact your IL Staff

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All staff continue to provide IL services remotely Mon-Fri.

VP : Can VP? Make a VP appointment
Email: Can email? Email your staff
Phone: Can phone? Call your staff

Open for in-person appointments (NO WALK-IN) Tuesdays & Thursdays!
Appointment Required & Face Mask Required.
Sorry, no walk-in/frog services.
Boston, Hyannis, Lawrence, New Bedford, Salem Offices

Masks REQUIRED before Entering

Want more information? Contact your IL staff.

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Text To 911 Now Available

State 911 Department Says “Call if you can, text if you can’t”

Emergency **call** 911
1st Best VP, TTY, Voice
2nd Best Text

Face Mask Still Required

All public transportation
Uber, Lyft, taxis, etc
Medical offices, hospitals, clinic
Shelters
Nursing Homes, Congregate Care
Etc.

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**Apple Store** – Interpreters for In-store appointments.

1. **https://www.apple.com/retail/**
2. Find your store.
3. Go to the bottom…
4. ‘Request a sign-language interpreter’
5. VRI is also available

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**xfinity**
Comcast ASL Support
VP: 512-434-0999
Mon-Fri 1pm—9pm.
Or online **ASL now**