

Massachusetts Community Tracing Collaborative

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MEDICAL DISPATCH

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GO ON OFFENSE AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS

To end the nightmare, lockdowns aren't enough. We need to hunt the virus and defeat it.

By Jim Yong Kim

At least 185 countries now harbor the coronavirus.

Front-line experience has taught us that hope is a wonderful thing, essential to any difficult undertaking.

But—especially when it comes to infectious disease — hope is of little use unless it's accompanied by a bold and vigorous plan.

**Five elements, five weapons
will make the difference**

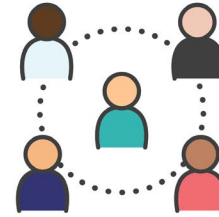
in reopening the U.S. economy, putting citizens back to work, preventing flareups:

**Social Distancing | Contact Tracing
Testing | Quarantine/Isolation | Treatment**



Test

Widespread access to free and convenient testing for everyone who needs it.



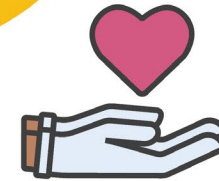
Trace

Trace all contacts of people with COVID-19, refer them for testing, and educate them about what to do because they have been exposed.



Isolate

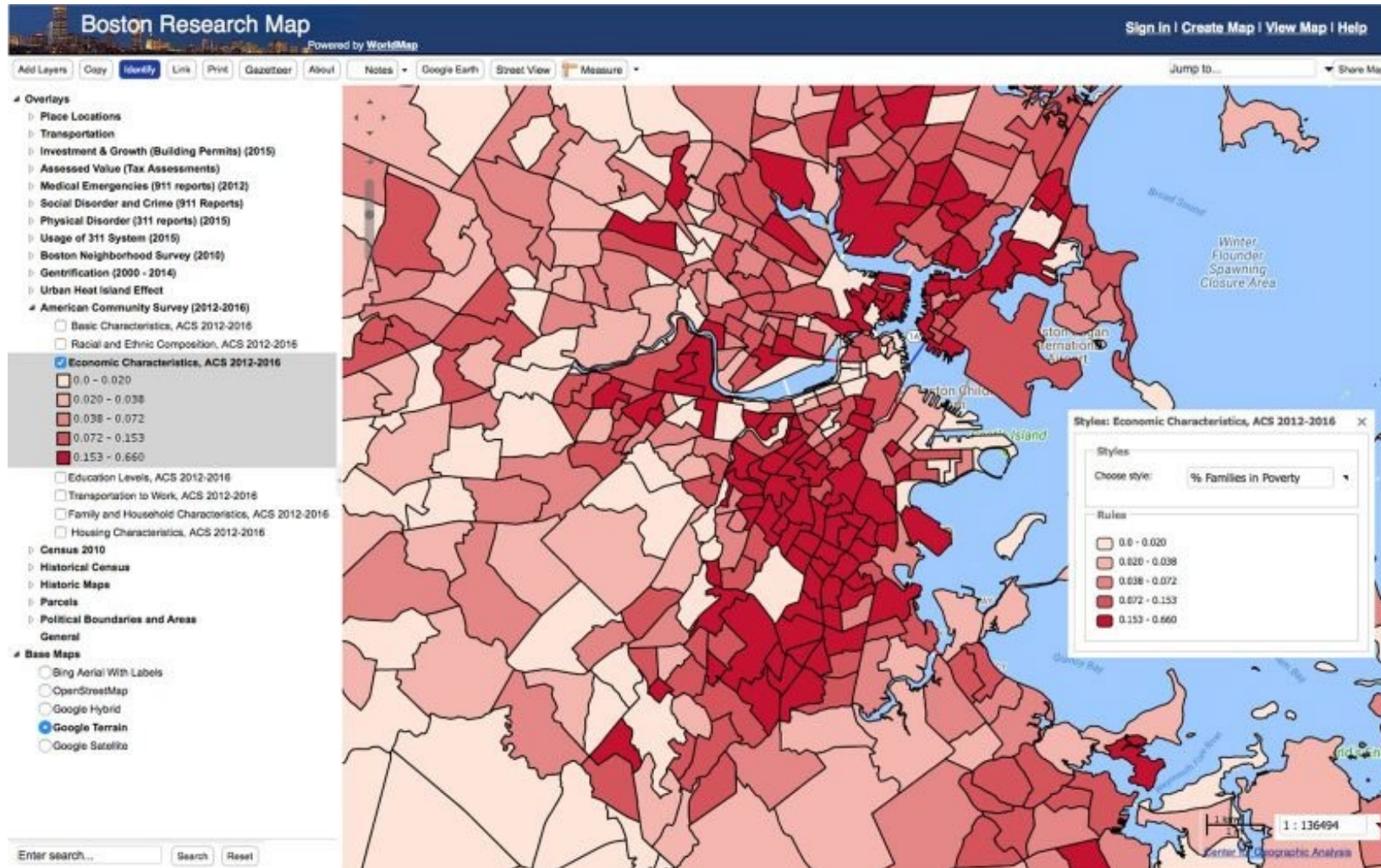
Provide people who test positive or who have been exposed have options for safe isolation and quarantine.



Support

Identify vulnerability and address needs for social assistance.

COVID-19 IS TARGETING THE POOR

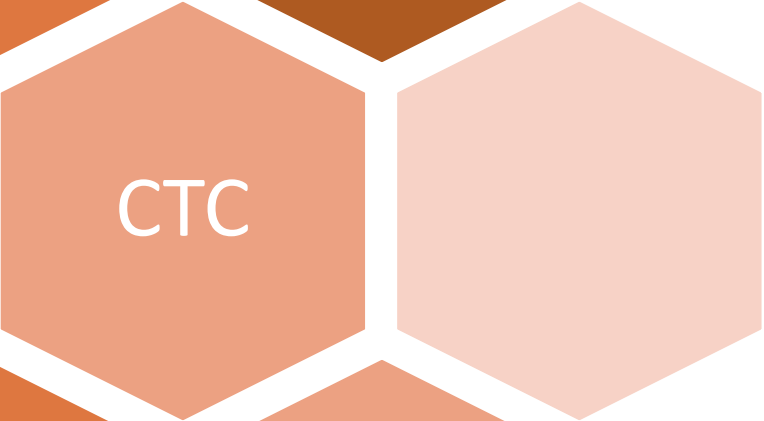


Poorest neighborhoods at highest risk of community transmission and severe complications from COVID-19



In Massachusetts, we are building upon the deep experience of our state **Department of Public Health (DPH)** and over 300 **Local Boards of Health (LBOHs)**

Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC): Scalable workforce and robust call center with automated support to create the capacity to reach thousands of residents/week.



Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers integrates contact tracing with clinical care of vulnerable populations and culture competency

May 11, 2020: Recommendation for Routine Molecular Testing of People Identified as Close Contacts to COVID-19 Cases

