

HOUSE No. 491

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tami L. Gouveia

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring comprehensive testing at Mass vaccination sites.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

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By Ms. Gouveia of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 491) of Tami L. Gouveia and others for legislation to authorize vaccination sites to provide employees, contractors, vendors, and volunteers to take a COVID-19 rapid antigen test. Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act requiring comprehensive testing at Mass vaccination sites.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to which is to provide immediate COVID-19 testing to employees of mass vaccination sites, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1. All employees, contractors, vendors, and volunteers of state-funded mass
2 vaccination sites shall be provided with and take a COVID-19 rapid antigen test before entering
3 the mass vaccination site. Individual employees, contractors, vendors, and volunteers must
4 produce a negative test before entering a site at the start of each work day. Managers of the mass
5 vaccination site shall be responsible for providing tests and ensuring that only those who test
6 negative for COVID-19 enter the site.

7 Section 2. All employees, contractors, and volunteers who are engaged in the vaccine
8 administration process at state-funded mass vaccination sites shall be provided with and take a
9 COVID-19 PCR test at least once per week. Managers of the mass vaccination site shall be

- 10 responsible for providing tests and ensuring that only those who test negative for COVID-19
- 11 enter the site.