

March 2, 2023



Empowering Independence

CENTER FOR LIVING & WORKING, INC.

WHAT'S UP?



Deaf and Hard of Hearing Independent Living Services

Guided tours of the new suite will be provided every 30 min

Center for Living & Working

Spanish Interpreters at 5pm  
ASL Interpreters at 5:30pm



JOIN US FOR AN  
**OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, April 27th 4:00-6:00pm

18 Chestnut Street Suite 540 Worcester, MA 01608

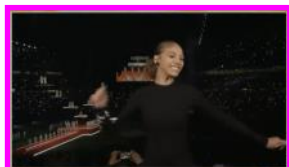
RSVP: Kristina at 774-437-8441 kreid@centerlw.org

SuperBowl Deaf Performer Highlights



America the Beautiful—Colin Denny  
[https://fb.watch/i\\_bPctiNMS/](https://fb.watch/i_bPctiNMS/)

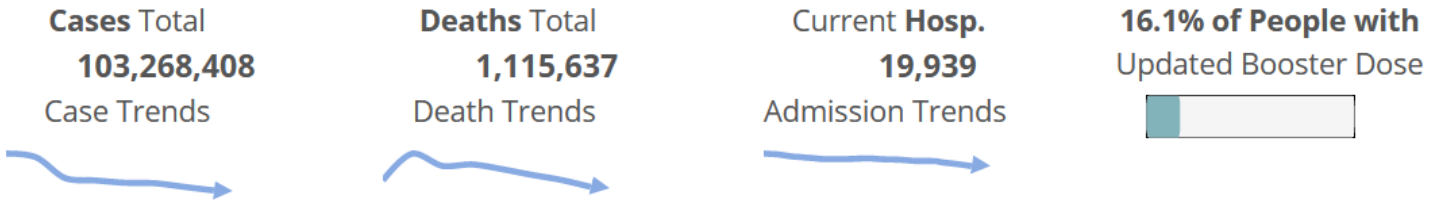
National Anthem—Troy Kotsur  
[https://fb.watch/i\\_c2fyyw1t/](https://fb.watch/i_c2fyyw1t/)




Halftime show: Rihanna—Justina Miles  
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# COVID-19 Updates

## United States at a Glance





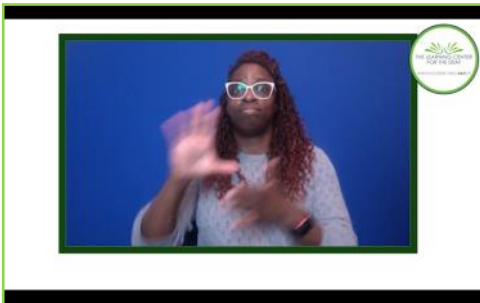
**When to Isolate and Stay Home**

### Feel sick?

If you have COVID-19, you can spread the virus to others. There are things you can do so you don't spread it to others.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

## The latest #VaxUp Resources from TLC!



### With state of emergency ending, which benefits are affected?

Recently, President Biden's announcement on the national COVID-19 public health emergency will end on May 11, but some of its provisions may survive in Massachusetts.

Watch VLOG: <https://youtu.be/LZuvNaUAtUw>

### Protect against COVID-19 and Get a \$75 Gift Card!

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is offering free, family-friendly "Get Boosted" clinics where anyone ages 6 months and up can get a COVID-19 vaccine or updated booster. As part of a special promotion, Massachusetts residents who get vaccinated (first dose, second dose, or booster) at participating Get Boosted clinics will receive a \$75 gift card while supplies last.

Watch VLOG: <https://youtu.be/TBG6A1OSq4k>



### #VaxUp Promo #3

Watch VLOG: <https://youtu.be/oUgvJ4sUDkI>

Find more resources at:

<https://www.tlcdeaf.org/VAXUP>

# MCDHH News



## Black History Month: What does it mean to you?

Watch here: [https://fb.watch/i\\_9LX8EYmv/](https://fb.watch/i_9LX8EYmv/)

Click [here](#) for transcript.



# ABLE Accounts for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities

CSD Learns is thrilled to announce our partnership with *The National Association of State Treasurers* (NAST) on a program called [ABLE today](#). The goal of this unique initiative is to teach how to build financial security for the future by investing wisely and preparing now!

Check out this video about the program: [https://fb.watch/i\\_cNFWBh4L/](https://fb.watch/i_cNFWBh4L/)

You can find more information about this great program here:

<https://www.abletoday.org/asl>



Join our Team as a:  
**Deaf Skills Trainer**

**\$17.35/hour / 20 hours/week / Mon - Fri**

## GREAT BENEFITS

- 403(b) Retirement

**PAID:**

- Parking
- Sick Time
- Mileage Reimbursement

***Interested or have questions?***

**Email Emily Patton at: [epatton@centerlw.org](mailto:epatton@centerlw.org)**

**Click [here](#) to apply and see more information.**

**Hybrid: 1 - 2 days in the office**

### This job is great for you, if you love to:

- Empower/work with consumers on personal goals
- Advocate for Deaf/Hard of Hearing individuals on local/state levels
- Provide:
  - ◊ 1:1 independent living skills training and peer support to consumers
  - ◊ information & referral
  - ◊ guidance and leadership
- Problem solve
- Work independently and with the team
- Work with individuals with diverse disabilities and cultures

### Qualifications:

#### Education

- High School or equivalent (GED) required; Bachelor Degree in health/human services, preferred; years of relevant experience may be substituted for Bachelor Degree;
- Must be able to drive within the service area

#### Experience

- ASL Fluent
- 2 years minimum of relevant experience working in Deaf/Hard of Hearing services *OR* involvement with the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community required;
- Microsoft Office and database reporting



# MASSHEALTH



## ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATION

In March 2020, the federal government declared a **Public Health Emergency [PHE]** and put protections in place to prevent *MassHealth* coverage ending during the COVID-19 emergency. Now that the PHE has ended, *MassHealth* will start their regular annual renewal process.

- 1** **MARCH 2020** COVID-19 *Public Health Emergency [PHE] Declared*
- 2** **MARCH 2020** *MassHealth suspends eligibility process - everyone's coverage continues.*
- 3** **APRIL 2023** *MassHealth returns to standard annual eligibility process.*

  
**Starting**  
**April 1, 2023**

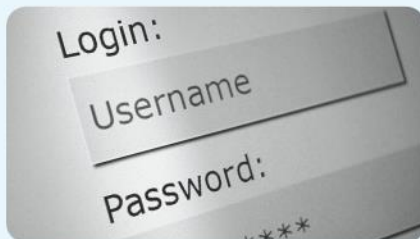
### WHAT SHOULD I DO TO GET READY?



**Update your  
Contact Information**



**Report any  
Household Changes**



**Create a  
MassHealth Account**

[Mass.gov/masshealthlogin](https://mass.gov/masshealthlogin)



**Read all mail  
from MassHealth**

**QUESTIONS?**  
**Contact your Skills Trainer!**





# Spring 2023 ASL Level 1, 2 & 3 Classes

Online via Zoom  
Open To All – Ages 16 & Up



## 12-WEEK CLASSES

ASL 1 – TUESDAYS: MARCH 14 – MAY 30 5:00 – 6:30 PM

ASL 2 – MONDAYS: MARCH 13 – MAY 29 6:00 – 7:30 PM

ASL 3 – WEDNESDAYS: MARCH 15 – MAY 31 6:00 – 7:30 PM



**REGISTER BY March 3<sup>RD</sup> by Mail or Email**

**\*Registrations only accepted with payment.\***

**TUITION: \$200**

No Book Required

RETURN STUDENTS - 10% Discount

RECRUIT A FRIEND - 5% Discount

SAVE \$100 - 3<sup>RD</sup> person from 1 agency OR school pays \$100!

**Limit: 1 discount per registration**

**PAY BY:**

Check OR Money Order (Payable to: **CLW**)

**MAIL registration and payment to:**

Joan Philip, DHILS Director – ASL Class  
CLW

18 Chestnut Street, Suite 540  
Worcester, MA 01608



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:  
DENISE PARO, CLW DHILS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
508-556-1600 [DPARO@CENTERLW.ORG](mailto:DPARO@CENTERLW.ORG)



All registration/class level transfers must happen by the 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

**CLASS LIMIT: (13) STUDENTS PER CLASS**

**MINIMUM: (9) STUDENTS - Refunds ONLY if class is cancelled.**

ASL Class Flier and Registration Form Link:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sSYVH\\_Lzs2vBSy0TdNyyo5ivIzyd6x0p/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sSYVH_Lzs2vBSy0TdNyyo5ivIzyd6x0p/view?usp=share_link)

## Worcester Parent Guide to Community Resources

[CLICK HERE FOR ENGLISH GUIDE](#)



## Updated Therapists for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Directory

Click here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mRNQIKYYNjM4vYpRX7OECQkiW-PQlu62/view?usp=sharing>



## MISSED A *WHAT'S UP* NEWSLETTER? Past issues of newsletters are on our website!

VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.CENTERLW.ORG/2022/07/WHATS-UP-NEWSLETTER/](https://www.centerlw.org/2022/07/whats-up-newsletter/)

NOTE: Contact your Skills Trainer with questions.

## Questions about this Newsletter?

Need a website address from your printed newsletter? *Contact your Skills Trainer!*

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## Contact Us!



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