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By GEORGE W. RHODES

O n March 5, 2020, there was one confirmed coronavirus case in Massachusetts. On March 4, 2022, that number had grown to 1,543,609, or 22% of the state’s 6,964,383 population, who had been infected with the virus that first appeared in Wuhan, China, in December 2019.

Out of that number there were 22,833 confirmed coronavirus deaths, which is 0.33% of the state’s population. The 22,833 is 1.48% of all those who became ill from the virus. The elderly and those with underlying conditions accounted for most of the deaths.

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By YURAS KARMANAU

LVIV, UKRAINE — Russia’s airplanes and artillery widened their assault on Ukraine on Friday, striking airfields in the west and a major industrial hub in the east, as Moscow’s forces tried to regroup from recent losses and their Dragoon fast reduced coveted cities to rubble.

American defense officials offered an assessment of the Russian air campaign, estimating that invading pilots are averaging 160 sorties a day, compared with five to 10 for Ukrainian forces, which are focusing more on surface-to-air missiles, rocket-propelled grenades and drones to take out Russian aircraft. New commercial satellite images appeared to capture artillery firing on residential areas between Russian forces and the capital.

The images from Maxar Technologies showed muzzle flashes and smoke from the big guns, as well as impact craters and burning homes in the town of Moschun, outside Kyiv, the

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