



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



Update on COVID-19 From the Town of Needham and Needham Public Health

March 24, 2020 – The Town of Needham and Needham Public Health today provided the following update regarding COVID-19.

COVID-19 Numbers

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is reporting that as of March 24, 2020 there are

- 1159 cases statewide
- 129 Norfolk County
- 11 deaths

To date, Needham has had 9 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There are currently eight active cases in Needham plus one person who has recovered. The Town releases updated confirmed cases in Needham weekly on Tuesdays at 5 pm.

As a reminder, the numbers do not reflect the true nature of the COVID-19 outbreak. Due to a lack of testing, the number of cases is likely much higher. People should adhere to social distancing and other preventative measures to help stop the spread.

MBTA Adds Early Morning Commuter Train From Needham Heights

Starting Wednesday, March 25 and until further notice, a train will depart Needham Heights at 5:45 am every weekday to accommodate passengers requiring early morning travel on the Needham Line. Schedule details:

<https://mbta.com/schedules/CR-Needham/timetable>.

The updated schedule is available online and at South Station & Back Bay.

More information <https://mbta.com/schedules/CR-Needham/timetable>

State Offers Text Alert Updates

Governor Baker announced today that residents can receive direct text message alerts from the state with updated information. To receive the information text "COVIDMA" to 888777.

Medical Reserve Corps Accepting Volunteers

The Medical Reserve Corps is accepting volunteer applications for those interested in assisting communities during the COVID-19 outbreak. No medical expertise is necessary. Learn more and sign up here:

<https://www.needhamma.gov/415/Application-Process>

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