



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

March 27, 2020 – The Town of Needham and Needham Public Health today provided the following update regarding COVID-19.

State DPH COVID-19 Numbers

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is reporting that as of March 27, 2020 there are

- 3,240 cases statewide
- 393 Norfolk County
- 35 deaths

It's important to remember that most people who are confirmed to have COVID-19 recover. For more state data, visit mass.gov/coronavirus.

Town data is updated and publicly released each Tuesday. To find the most recent confirmed cases for Needham, visit [Past Daily Updates](http://www.needhamma.gov/4853/Daily-Updates). <http://www.needhamma.gov/4853/Daily-Updates>

Governor Asks People to Avoid Traveling to MA, Self-Quarantine for 14 Days if Coming

Governor Baker today asked that people avoid traveling to Massachusetts if possible and urged those that must come into the state to self-quarantine for 14 days. The order does not apply to essential workers and emergency personnel. Starting Friday, staff at Logan International Airport, South Station and other transportation hubs will be handing out flyers with guidance about the quarantines. Electronic road signs will be placed along the Massachusetts Turnpike, Interstate 84 and other major highways.

State Pushes Tax Filing Deadline to July 15

Governor Baker announced today that the state tax filing deadline will be postponed to July 15th. Individuals with questions or concerns regarding taxes can contact the Massachusetts Department of Revenue at (617) 887-6367 or send a secure e-message through [MassTaxConnect](#). Read more here:

<https://www.mass.gov/news/massachusetts-announces-state-income-tax-filing-deadline-being-extended-to-july-15>

In Light of Coronavirus, Select Board Votes to Postpone Town Election to May 26, 2020; Delays annual Town Meeting until June 8, 2020.

The Select Board voted today to move the Annual Town Election originally scheduled for April 14th to May 26th to accommodate social distancing guidelines and adhere to the Governor's orders limiting any gathering of more than 10 people.

The Select Board also voted to postpone the Annual Town Meeting from May 4th to June 8th. Several warrant articles will be removed from the warrant to allow for more time to complete work on the articles. Many can be taken up at Special Town Meeting in the Fall. Fall Town Meeting may extend beyond one night.

The following articles were removed:

- Article 9 Town-Owned Land Surveys
- Article 11 Billing and Collection Software Application
- Article 20 Transportation Improvement Fees
- Article 24 First Baptist Church Porch Preservation
- Article 25 First Parish Church Steeple
- Article 26 Needham Community Farm Growing Bed Expansion
- Article 27 Trail Identification Design



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Article 28 Walker Pond Restoration and Preservation

Article 29 Claxton Field Lights and Skin Renovation Design

Article 30 Resurfacing the Synthetic Track at DeFazio Complex

Article 31 Community Preservation Fund (CPC Administration Budget, Annual Reserves, Required Reserves)

Article 35 Pollard School Air Conditioning System Design

Article 38 Athletic Facility Improvement Fund

Article 39 Capital Improvement Fund

Article 40 Capital Facility Fund

The Select Board will meet next on Friday, April 3rd. Time TBD.



RTS Reminds People That Donation Bins, Goodwill Trailer, Swap Shop Closed and Asks Residents to Stop Dumping Items During Closure

RTS Swap Shop, Goodwill trailer and donation bins are currently CLOSED. That means you should not be leaving items on the ground in front of the donation bins (you shouldn't do that anyway...). These items will be thrown away. Please, if you can, hold on to these items until we reopen these services. Otherwise, they will need to go in the regular garbage. Thank you for cooperation!

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