



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

April 9, 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 April 9, 2020 there are:

- 18,941 cases statewide
- 2,007 Norfolk County
- 503 deaths statewide
- *Note: This is not new information. As of April 7, 2020: Needham has had a total of 61 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 31 community members have recovered from the virus. Two public safety employees have had confirmed cases. Those two employees are recovered. Town data is updated Tuesdays at 5 pm.

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

Needham Fire Delivers Homemade Masks to Grocery Store Workers

Thanks to generosity of Needham residents who have donated homemade masks to Needham first responders, today we were able to donate masks to grocery workers at Roche Bros. and Sudbury Farms. Thank to you to the Fire Department for delivering the masks, the grocery workers keeping us fed and those of you who've donated. We're still accepting PPE donations at Rosemary Recreation Complex. Thanks for being such a wonderful community. Watch the video here: <https://bit.ly/39UttU8>

Wear Your Face Mask the Right Way

Are you wearing your face mask the right way to avoid the spread of COVID-19? There are some simple things you can do – and not do – to help stop the spread. Check out this graphic and share!

<https://www.needhamma.gov/4860/CDC-Face-MaskCovering-Guidance>

Needham Public Schools Cancels April Vacation

The Needham School Committee voted to amend the current [2019-20 school calendar](#) and cancel April vacation originally scheduled for April 21-24. The School Committee agreed with the Superintendent's recommendation that the schools continue to provide instruction for all students through its [Remote Learning Plan](#). The schools will also continue providing [meals for students in need](#) during this week. The continuity of instruction and vital services is important, and the inability of families to travel make this an appropriate move in this unusual circumstance. Monday, April 20th is Patriots' Day, and the district will observe this holiday and not hold classes. The School Committee also voted to have the last day of school be Friday, June 19th. Please check out the district's website to view calendar information: [NPS Calendar Information](#)

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