



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

April 13, 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 13, 2020 there are:

- 26,867 cases statewide
- 2,838 Norfolk County
- 844 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.

Your Feedback: Share The Good News

While this is a difficult time for many of us, the Coronavirus pandemic has brought out the best in our community. In the survey we issued earlier this month, you told us you want more positive stories from Needham. So tell us – what positive stories are out there? You can email goodnews@needhamma.gov to share your story. We'll post stories, photos and videos on our website and on in our Daily Updates. We also share these stories on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Be sure to follow us!

Chinese Friends of Needham, Be Kind Needham Donate Masks

The Chinese Friends of Needham continue to answer the call for protective equipment for essential workers. Today, they donated another 1,000 masks to Needham Public Health for distribution to frontline workers. Be Kind Needham, a local group spreading kindness around the community, donated 50 beautiful handmade masks today as well. Thank you, everyone!

BeBOLD Donates Energy Bars to Police, Fire, DPW Workers

BeBOLD Bars, whose tagline is "What's Your Bold?" recognized the Boldness of our first responders today, delivering cases of BeBOLD energy bars to police, fire and DPW workers. Thank you BeBOLD for supporting our essential workers during this time!

Select Board Meets Tuesday

The Select Board meets virtually Tuesday at 7 pm. To listen and view this virtual meeting on a phone, computer, laptop, or tablet, download the "Zoom Cloud Meeting" app in any app store or at www.zoom.us. Click on "Join a Meeting" and enter the meeting number 248 178 576 or click the link to join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/248178576>. The Needham Channel will also stream the meeting on its website and municipal and HD stations. The Select Board Agenda and packet can be found [here](#).

Find other upcoming board and commission meeting information [here](#). Meetings are happening virtually for the foreseeable future.



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Remote Services Available for Those Facing Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

If you or someone you know is struggling with issues related to sexual or domestic violence, many services are still available to you remotely during this COVID-19 public health emergency. If you are in immediate danger, call 911. If you are in need of services, visit REACH Beyond Domestic Violence at <https://reachma.org/needham-domestic-violence-support/>

Services are available in every region of the Commonwealth and include residential programs, 24-hour advocacy and support, and specialized programs for children exposed to domestic violence, people who use violence in their relationships, and sexual and domestic violence services for immigrants and other communities experiencing inequities. Find out more [here](#).

Mosquito Control Efforts Slated to Begin With Some Covid-19- Related Changes

The Norfolk County Mosquito Control District (NCMCD) will begin conducting its annual helicopter applications of larvacide to control mosquito larvae. This is not a spray and is done primarily to control the emergence of spring nuisance mosquitoes. These applications will be conducted over specific large wetlands in Needham and surrounding communities sometime between **April 13, 2020**, and **April 27, 2020**. ***As always, the weather in the spring is unpredictable. For this reason, the District cannot pin down actual application dates with any more accuracy at this time.*** Considering the Covid-19 outbreak, the NCMCD has decided to alter its 'normal' aerial application this year, removing some wetlands that have edges that very closely abut neighborhoods. Recognizing more residents are at home during the application and heightened stress levels, the District wanted to limit the amount of helicopter traffic near homes. More information is available at www.norfolkcountymosquito.org

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