



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

April 14, 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 14, 2020 there are:

- 28,163 cases statewide
- 2,969 cases Norfolk County
- 957 deaths statewide

Needham COVID-19 Numbers

As of April 14, 2020: Needham has had a total of 108 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 46 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.

What Explains the Increase in Case Numbers?

You may be wondering what is driving the increase in reported cases of COVID-19 in Needham. This is, in part, due to increased testing capacity at long term care, nursing and assisted living facilities with the help of the Massachusetts National Guard. The State has prioritized deploying the National Guard to these facilities to test and treat this vulnerable population. Needham Public Health along with the MA Department of Public Health is working closely with these facilities to ensure adequate safeguards are in place to protect staff, residents, and the broader community. As testing capacity increases for the general population, as well, we can expect to see a higher incident of cases. We continue to remind people to take all precautions to flatten the curve:

- Stay home as much as possible;
- Practice social distancing when out of the home;
- Wear a face mask outside of the home;
- Wash your hands regularly

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.

Community Council Thanks Community for Support

Thanks to the generosity of the community, the Needham Community Council Food Pantry continues to provide food and household items to residents with limited income. The Council encourages anyone whose income has been affected by Covid-19 to call the Council at 781-444-2415. Income certification is on hold until further notice.

Solarize Needham Extended

Due to COVID-19, the Solarize Mass Plus Needham program has been extended to the end of May. The vendors are up and running holding "virtual" appointments using various platforms such as Facetime, Zoom, photos from homeowners and phone calls to evaluate homes for rooftop solar and air source heat pumps, which both heat and cool a home efficiently. People can learn more by visiting



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GreenNeedham's website, greenneedham.org. Solar coaches are available to answer questions by emailing them at solarcoach@greenneedham.org

Dog Licensing Deadline extended to June 1st

All dogs must be licensed by April 30th each year or be subject to a \$50 fine for an unlicensed dog. Due to Covid-19 Pandemic and the closure of Town Hall, the Town Clerk's Office is extending the licensing deadline to June 1st. Please either send in your license fee to the Town Clerk's Office or go online – www.needhamma.gov – Online Bill Payment – Dog Licenses. Contact us at 781-455-7500 x 216 for questions.

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!

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