



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

April 16, 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 16, 2020 there are:

- 32,181 cases statewide
- 3,342 cases Norfolk County
- 1,245 deaths statewide
- 114 cases in [Needham](#) (as reported by DPH on 4/15)

Celebrate Earth Day by Joining Needham's Week-long Town-wide Clean-up

Park and Recreation and DPW are teaming up to turn the annual Town-wide cleanup into a week-long activity to celebrate Earth Day. Park and Rec will make trash bags and supplies available Sunday, April 21st at the Rosemary Recreation Complex from 11 am to 1 pm. DPW will pick up the filled bags through Saturday, April 25th. For more information visit facebook.com/needhamrecreation.

Attorney General Offers Resources for Frontline Workers

Attorney General Maura Healey's office has launched a new website offering resources and messages of support for healthcare workers and first responders during the COVID-19 pandemic. The website, FrontlineMA.org, was created in collaboration with HubSpot and IDEO and offers many resources to help workers get protective gear, priority testing, meals, safe housing, self-care advice, and child care. Learn more or leave a message at frontlinema.org.

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!

Here are two stories from this week:

From Barbara Ryan: *"In the middle of the heavy rain and windstorm, my wonderful neighbor Cliff Hayden came out through the very heavy rain and wind with his drill and secured my awning that was being ripped off by the wind. I am very grateful to him and his wife Kim Marie Nichols for their caring and concern. What is so amazing is that the wind suddenly stopped exactly when he had finished the work."*

From Smriti Rao: *"The attached [video](#) was for us amongst the highlights of the last few days. My daughter, Nandita Karthik, a seventh grader at Pollard, broke the D string on her violin. Mr. Smith, wonderful as always, asked Ms. Bibbo to go in and get some extra strings from school, which she very kindly did. Mr. Vallantini, even more wonderfully agreed to pick up the string, come by our home, and change the string for Nandita - appropriately socially distanced on our front porch. Mr. Vallantini happens to be our son Akhil's music teacher at Eliot (2nd grade) and somehow Mr. Vallantini's visit turned into an impromptu little (socially distanced) jam with Akhil on tabla, and my husband Karthik on guitar. Some of the most fun we've had in a while, and we owe it all of the wonderful teachers at NPS who made it possible."*

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