



# **NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION**



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

April 17, 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 17, 2020 there are:

- 34,402 cases statewide
- 3,499 cases Norfolk County
- 1,404 deaths statewide
- 114 cases in [Needham](#) (as reported by DPH on 4/15)

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](http://www.mass.gov/coronavirus).

### **SeeClickFix Still Available for Public Works Issues**

Department of Public Works crews are still hard at work during this time. Powerful storms this week knocked down trees and created other debris in roadways that required cleanup from these workers. If you have issues with downed trees or debris, potholes or other public works issues, please use [SeeClickFix](#) to alert our staff.

### **No Bulky Waste at the RTS**

A reminder - please do not bring large items from basement or garage cleanouts to the RTS during the COVID-19 crisis as the facility is **only** accepting residential trash in yellow pay as you throw bags and essential recyclables (glass, steel and tin cans and plastic food and beverage containers). Please hold onto your large bulky items until after the COVID-19 crisis has passed and RTS operations return to normal. This is for the health and safety of both workers and patrons.

### **COVID-19 Food Assistance for Families and Individuals in Need**

If you or your family needs food assistance during this pandemic, the MA Department of Public Health is reminding people that resources are available. Programs including [SNAP](#) and [WIC](#) are still operating and applications are being processed. Please visit those sites for more information.

### **REMINDER: 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 19th at the Rosemary Recreation Complex from 11 am to 1 pm. DPW will pick up the filled bags through Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit [facebook.com/needhamrecreation](https://facebook.com/needhamrecreation).