



# **NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION**



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

May 1, 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 May 1, 2020 there are:

- 64,311 cases statewide
- 6,065 cases Norfolk County
- 3,716 deaths statewide
- 217 cases in Needham (as reported by DPH on 4/29)
- 33 coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (as reported by the Town Clerk on 4/27)
- Four public safety employees have had confirmed cases of COVID-19. Three have recovered.

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).

### **Needham Face Covering Order Now in Effect, Statewide Face Covering Order to Take Effect May 6<sup>th</sup>**

The Needham Board of Health's face covering [order](#) requiring everyone to wear a face covering in buildings and worksites took effect today. Additionally, Governor Baker today signed an executive [order](#) requiring everyone to wear face coverings in public places. The Governor's order takes effect May 6, 2020.

### **Workers' Ask: "Please Stop Throwing Masks and Gloves on the Ground."**

Despite repeated pleas, we're still seeing discarded gloves and masks on streets and in parking lots around Needham. Our DPW workers, grocery store workers and other essential workers are left having to pick up what has been carelessly tossed aside. Please dispose of your used gloves and masks in trash receptacles at businesses you may visit or bring them home and discard them there.

### **State Asks for Cooperation with Contact Tracing Program**

The state is asking for your help. If you've tested positive for COVID-19, the COVID Community Team will be reaching out via phone to you and your close contacts to slow the spread. The state will make sure that you are getting the medical attention you need and support through quarantine. Your caller ID will show the call is coming from **MA COVID Team** and one of the following numbers: **833-638-1685 or 857-305-2728**. Your name will not be released. You may receive a call even if you have NOT had a positive case of COVID-19 if you are considered a close contact of someone who has. Please answer the call if you receive one.

### **New Needham Parent Al-anon Meeting Available**

For parents who have a child navigating addiction, this is a new open-speaker style meeting and all are welcome. Weekly meetings will begin starting **Monday, May 4 from 7 – 8:30pm via Zoom**. Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/95089183610> Meeting ID: 950 8918 3610 Or Dial in by phone: 929-205-6099. For more information, please contact Sandra at [srizkallah@comcast.net](mailto:srizkallah@comcast.net) . You can also view this flyer at: <https://www.spanneedham.org/al-anon>.



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## **Coronavirus E-Resources for Families Available at the Library**

Needham Library has e-books, e-comics, and videos for children to learn about the Coronavirus available for free on the [Activities at Home webpage](#). You will also find guidelines to make a no-sew face mask, fun virtual activities, and resources to support home schooling.

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