



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

May 7, 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 7, 2020 there are:

- 1,696 new cases today for a total of 73,721 cases statewide
- 6,729 cases in Norfolk County
- 132 new deaths today for a total of 4,552 deaths statewide
- 251 cases in Needham (as reported by DPH 5/6)
- 33 coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (as reported by the Town Clerk on 4/27. Next update will be 5/11.)
- 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.

Public Meetings Now on Town YouTube Page

Public meetings and hearings conducted by Town Boards and Commissions are now accessible on the Town of Needham [YouTube](#) page following the meetings. Some meetings that are not streamed on the Needham Channel will also be live streamed to the YouTube page. In addition to board and commission meetings, the public can access informational videos and COVID-19 related videos. Check out the Town of Needham MA Channel [here](#).

Answer the Call, Stop the Spread

The State and Town are urging all residents who've tested positive for COVID-19 to answer any calls they receive from nurses from the Town of Needham or the state's Contact Tracing Collaborative. You will be asked for symptoms and for your close contacts. These questions are imperative to help stop the spread of COVID -19. Your name will not be released. Please cooperate with the guidance you are given so we can keep you and the town of Needham safe.

Town Clerk Offers Election Reminders

The last day to register to vote in the annual Town Election is **Friday, May 15, 2020**. Town Hall is closed, so voters needing registration forms to register to vote or change their party affiliation can pick them up at the Needham Police Station or access a form [online](#). Voter registration forms can be dropped in the drop box outside of Town Hall on Garrity's Way near Walgreens until 8 pm. Mailed forms must be postmarked by May 15, 2020.

The Annual Town Election will be held Tuesday, May 26th. Polling locations will be open from 7 am to 4 pm. The Town Clerk is urging voters to vote by [absentee](#) or [early voting by mail](#) if possible (deadline is May 22nd). For voters casting ballots in person, expect protocols in place to ensure social distancing. Signage will be posted. Polling locations will have separate entrance and exit points as follows:

Prec. A & B – Center at the Heights

Prec. A Meeting Room - (Entrance front door; exit side door)

Prec. B Dining Room – (Entrance front door; exit rear door)



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Prec. C & D – Newman Elementary School

Prec. C Gym A -Entrance, Gym door (right side of building)

Prec. D. Gym B – Entrance, Gym door (right side of building); Exit back door

Prec. E & H – PSAB (Public Service Administration Building)

Charles River Room – Precinct E (Entrance front door; exit end of hallway)

Cafeteria Room 2nd Floor – Precinct H (Entrance Rear door up to second floor;
exit rear door)

Prec. F & G - Rosemary Complex – Entrance-lobby front door; exit rear door

Prec. I & J – Town Hall – Powers Hall

Prec. I – Front of Hall – (Entrance Elevator or stairs; Exit Elevator or stairs)

Prec. J – Rear of Hall – (Entrance Rear Door; Exit to stairs or Elevator)

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