



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

May 15, 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 15, 2020 there are:

- 1,239 new cases today for a total of 83,421 cases statewide
- 7,331 cases in Norfolk County
- 110 new deaths today for a total of 5,592 deaths statewide
- 41 new cases in Needham for a total of 292 (as reported by DPH on 5/13)
- 50 coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (as reported by the Town Clerk on 5/11. Next update will be 5/25)
- Four public safety employees have had confirmed cases of COVID-19. All four 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.

Memorial Day Observances – Monday, May 22, 2020

In light of COVID-19 and social distancing policies, the Town of Needham is modifying plans for its Memorial Day observances this year. In lieu of a parade and ceremony, the public is invited to mark the occasion by visiting the wreaths that will be placed at various locations around Town. The wreaths will be available for viewing and visitation at nine locations around Town on Monday afternoon, May 22, 2020. See the map of locations [here](#). The public is invited to take photos of their visit to each memorial and share their photos to social media using the hashtag #MemorialDayinNeedham. Be sure to tag the Town of Needham in your photos (TownofNeedham on Facebook and townofneedhamma on Instagram).

We hope to resume our regular Memorial Day ceremonies in 2021. Thank you to all our military families in Needham.

Help Ensure Parks are Safe for Re-Opening

As we anticipate the Governor's re-opening guidance, the Town's Parks and Forestry Division has been hard at work mowing and refreshing our parks so that they are safe and ready to go when the decision is made to open them up again for recreation. All Town parks and fields are currently closed, and we are asking residents to adhere to these closures for the safety of themselves and our workers. Trails are still open for walking. We really appreciate your patience and adherence to the closure for the health and safety of our community.

Miss a Public Meeting? Find it on Needham's YouTube Page

Wondering what happened at this week's Board of Health or Select Board Meeting? You can watch those and other public meetings of Town Boards, Commissions and committees by visiting youtube.com/townofneedhamma.

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