



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

May 21, 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 21, 2020 there are:

- 1,114 new cases today for a total of 88,970 cases statewide
- 7,691 cases in Norfolk County
- 82 new deaths today for a total of 6,148 deaths statewide
- 303 cases in Needham
- 56 coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (next report will be 6/8)
- 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.

Town Meeting to be Held at Memorial Park Parking Lot June 8th at 5 pm

The Select Board voted Wednesday evening to host the June 8, 2020 Town Meeting at the Memorial Field Parking Lot beginning at 5pm. This will allow for a socially distanced meeting to protect the health and safety of the public and employees. Rain dates are June 10th and June 11th. More information will be available in the coming days and will be posted to the Town Meeting [website](#).

Outdoor Dining Space Coming Tomorrow for Takeout

Ahead of the Memorial Day holiday, the Town will create outdoor dining spaces for restaurant-goers to enjoy takeout food and beverages from local establishments outdoors this summer. Starting Friday, picnic tables will be located on the Town Common, Needham Heights Common and Eaton Square (plaza between Needham Bank and Needham Center commuter rail tracks). Tables will be spaced apart to allow for social distancing and will be available on a first come, first-served basis to restaurant patrons. The public may bring takeout food and beverages, including alcohol, to the designated locations until 11 pm, 7 days a week. Learn more [here](#).

Town Election is Tuesday, Tomorrow at Noon is Deadline for Submitting Requests for Absentee/Early Vote Ballots

A reminder that the Annual Town Election will be held Tuesday, May 26th. Polls are open 7 am to 4 pm. To practice physical distancing, the Town Clerk is reminding voters that the deadline for submitting applications for absentee or early vote by mail ballots is **tomorrow, May 22nd by noon**. To get your application:

- Download an [absentee ballot application](#) or [early voting ballot application](#).
- Complete and sign your applications.
- Email or drop your application in the dropbox outside Town Hall for the Town Clerk by noon.

Reminder – RTS to Close at Noon on Fridays

Beginning tomorrow, May 22nd, the Recycling and Transfer Station will close at noon on Fridays during the summer. Regular Friday hours will resume Friday, September 11, 2020. Residents are encouraged to



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visit the RTS during weekday hours if they can better accommodate social distancing and keep themselves and workers safe.

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