



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

*****PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO DAILY UPDATE PROVIDED MONDAY, MAY 25TH**

May 22, 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 22, 2020 there are:

- 805 new cases today for a total of 90,889 cases statewide
- 7,724 cases in Norfolk County
- 80 new deaths today for a total of 6,228 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.

Tennis Courts, Memorial Field to Open

A part of Phase 1 Re-opening, the state has authorized communities to open their parks, fields and open spaces. Needham will gradually and safely begin to that Monday, May 25 when Park and Recreation opens tennis courts and Memorial Field. Residents seeking to access the tennis courts are required to purchase a tennis badge. Tennis Badges are \$30 for an individual, \$45 for a family, or \$15 for a senior individual (over 60). Tennis Badges can be purchased [online](#) (click on 'Purchase Membership') or by mail (Attn: Tennis Badges, 178 Rosemary Street, Needham, MA 02494). When purchasing online, please ensure all members of your household are listed on your account prior to purchasing.

Memorial Field will also open Monday for passive recreation (no organized sports). Additional parks and fields in Town will open on a rolling basis. [Sign up](#) for Park and Recreation's 'Field Status' email list or check the [website](#). As a reminder, all playgrounds and basketball courts remain closed to the public.

[Read Park and Recreation's full Phase 1 Re-Opening Plan.](#)

A Reminder About Memorial Day Observances

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 townofneedham on Instagram). We hope to resume our regular Memorial Day ceremonies in 2021. Thank you to all our military families. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Stacy's Juicebar and BeBold Bars Step Up to Feed Workers, Families

As part of their Share the Optimism campaign, BeBold bars of Westwood and Stacy's Juice bar in Needham have been supporting healthcare workers and front-line employees throughout the pandemic. Recently, BeBold teamed up with Frito Lay to donate 2,300 bags of chips to the Needham Community Council. BeBold has also donated hundreds of their energy bars to Town workers and medical professionals in the community. Thank you!