



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

June 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 June 1, 2020 there are:

- 326 new cases today for a total of 97,291
- 8,586 cases in Norfolk County (including weekend cases)
- 48 new deaths today for a total of 6,894 deaths statewide
- 311 cases in Needham (as of 5/27)
- 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.

***Beginning today, the state is changing the way it reports its case numbers and deaths. The numbers in the Town's report today are the number of "confirmed" cases and deaths. The state is also now reporting "probable" cases and deaths. Read the state report here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-dashboard-june-1-2020/download>

State Issues Additional Business Reopening Guidance

Governor Baker today released additional details and guidance for reopening businesses in Phase 2. That information can be found [here](#).

The Governor also announced that Phase 2 will now allow reopening of summer camps and childcare facilities. More information on that can be found [here](#).

Needham Park and Rec Offers Update on Summer 2020 Programs, Pools and Fields Status

Needham Park and Rec offered updates today on recreational programs for Summer 2020.

Due to COVID-19, 2020 Summer Program registration has been suspended for the time being. There will be no Summer Volunteer program this summer. Park and Rec continues to work to determine what it can offer this summer.

Unfortunately, the 2020 Aquatic Programs, including the Needham Sharks Swim Team, have been cancelled. Registered participants have been notified with their options to withdraw.

Park and Rec continues to await guidance from public health officials before determining whether and how pools will open for the 2020 Summer season. 2020 Memberships to the Pools at Rosemary Recreation Complex will be valid for member benefits for any 2020 season the Town is able to provide and will also include membership for Summer 2021. Registration remains open for pool memberships for Needham residents only. Registered members will be contacted with their withdrawal or extension options.

The Town's second phase of field and park openings began today. In addition to the Tennis Courts and Memorial Park, Avery, Claxton, DeFazio-Brock, DeFazio-Founders, DeFazio Track, Dwight, Perry,



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Riverside, and Walker-Gordon have all opened for passive recreation. The grass fields at DeFazio (Asa Small, Conroy and Warner), all school locations, and Greene's Field remain closed. Playgrounds and Basketball Courts also remain closed.

For more information, visit <http://needhamma.gov/495/Park-Recreation>

Town Offices Now Open by Appointment Only

Town offices have begun reopening to the public. Anyone seeking to enter a Town building must have an appointment scheduled. Those without appointments are asked to call the department they are wishing to contact and schedule an appointment. Those looking to make a payment can do so by dropping the payment (check or money order only – no cash) in the dropbox outside Town Hall on Garrity's Way or can mail their payment to the relevant department. For more information on Town reopening, visit our [website](#).

This Week's Public Meetings

The following public meetings will be held this week.

Tuesday, June 2nd

- 5:30 pm: [School Committee](#). Watch via Zoom by [Joining meeting 6-2-20](#)
- 7 pm: [Planning Board](#). Watch via Zoom using ID# 826-5899-3198

Wednesday, June 3rd

- 4:30 pm: [School Committee Policy Subcommittee](#). Watch via [Zoom](#).
- 5 pm: [Select Board](#). Watch via [Zoom](#).
- 7 pm: [Golf Course Advisory Committee](#). Watch via [Zoom](#).

Thursday, June 4th

- [School Committee and Finance Committee Budget Liaisons](#). Watch via [Zoom](#).

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