



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

June 2, 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 2, 2020 there are:

- 358 new cases today for a total of 101,163
- 8,600 cases in Norfolk County (including weekend cases)
- 50 new deaths today for a total of 7,085 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.

***State data now includes “confirmed” cases as well as “probable” cases. Because of this, there has been a significant increase in the number of statewide cases and deaths. In addition to its regular reporting on viral testing results, the state dashboard now includes data on the total number daily and cumulative COVID-19 antibody tests performed.

The Town’s daily report going forward will include the state’s “Newly Reported Cases” number and “Newly Reported Deaths” number, which include both confirmed and probable cases.

It’s important to remember that most people who are confirmed to have COVID-19 recover. More state data [here](#).

Find a Local COVID-19 Testing Location

Need to get tested for COVID-19? [This map](#) provides an easy way to locate a COVID-19 test site near you. All of those experiencing symptoms or those who have been in close contact recently with a COVID positive individual should seek testing.

State Eases Restrictions for Long-Term Care Outdoor Visitations

Beginning Wednesday, June 3rd, the state is easing family visitation restrictions at nursing homes, rest homes and assisted living facilities to allow for scheduled outdoor visits. Read the updated guidance [here](#).

From the Needham Community Council

Since the pandemic began, the Needham Community Council has seen a dramatic increase in the request for its services. Food needs have increased by more than 72 percent, with 48 new households in need of assistance. More than 1,000 donors have stepped up to help the Council meet the demand. To support the Council, you can donate [online](#). Thank you for your help!

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