



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



February 4, 2021 – 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 reports the number of positive cases and deaths daily on the state's COVID-19 [dashboard](#).

Town-specific case numbers are published by the state every Thursday.

- 1266 Needham cases to date (2/4/2021). This is an increase of 57 cases since the 1/28/21 report. Needham is in the YELLOW category this week. Read the state’s Weekly Public Health Report [here](#).
- 111 Coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (1/28/21).

NEEDHAM VACCINE STATUS

Doses Received to Date	Doses Administered to Date	Doses Scheduled for Distribution	Total Doses Administered or Scheduled
1,645*	462	1,330	1,792

*The Town received 195 vials of Pfizer vaccine. Vials contain up to 6 doses. Needham Public Health will be able to get 1,170 doses from the vials.

Needham Vaccine Update

Earlier this week, Needham Public Health announced it had received notice from the Commonwealth that it would now begin receiving the Pfizer vaccine. Because of that, Needham Public Health was able to schedule two clinics for Saturday, February 6th and Sunday, February 7th. Those clinics, and all Pfizer clinics going forward, will be held at the Center at the Heights to accommodate the increase in vaccine recipients.

Registration for the two clinics was filled within 30 minutes. Additional clinics will be scheduled as the Town is notified that it will receive additional Pfizer doses. There is still considerable unpredictability around the continued delivery of vaccine from the state to local departments of health and we ask that residents continue to search all available vaccination locations at <https://mass.gov/covidvaccinemap>. You can sign up for available appointments at www.maimmunizations.org.

SECOND DOSES: Please note, if you secure an appointment for a first vaccination dose at a Needham Public Health clinic, you will set up your second vaccination appointment during your scheduled first appointment. You do not have the ability to schedule both vaccinations at the same time. Also, you must get both your first and second doses at the same location. If you received your first dose anywhere other than a Needham Public Health clinic, you cannot receive your second dose through Needham Public Health. If you receive your first dose through Needham Public Health, you will receive your second dose through Needham Public Health as well.



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Additional appointments were added today at large State vaccination sites at [Gillette Stadium](#), [Fenway Park](#) (opening on February 1) and the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston (opening February 1). New appointments will be added to these sites every week on Thursdays. Vaccine sites at [CVS](#), [Stop and Shop](#), [Wegmans](#), [Walgreens](#) and other locations will be added on a regular basis often every day. The State is coordinating the sites and the registration process and has announced it will be providing more resources early next week to help senior citizens sign up.

To book an appointment, you must be eligible under Phase 1 or you must be 75 years+. You should expect to provide proof of your eligibility in order to receive the vaccine.

Vaccine Questions

Needham Public Health has created a dedicated email and phone line for vaccination questions. Before contacting Needham Public Health, please see the Frequently Asked Questions on the Town's COVID webpage. You can email questions to needhamvaccine@needhamma.gov or call 781-455-7934. Note, this line is a voicemail box. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.