



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



February 11, 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.

- 1320 Needham cases to date (2/11/2021). This is an increase of 54 cases since the 2/4/21 report. Needham is in the YELLOW category this week. Read the state’s Weekly Public Health Report [here](#).
- 115 Coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (2/11/21).

NEEDHAM VACCINE STATUS

| Doses Received to Date | Doses Administered to Date | Doses Scheduled for Distribution | Total Doses Administered or Scheduled |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2,670* | 1,850 | 1,229 | 3,079 |

*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.

Registration Opens Friday for Next Round of Needham Public Health Vaccine Clinics

Needham Public Health Covid vaccine clinics will be held next Tuesday, February 16th (12 - 7 pm) and Thursday, February 18th (12:30 - 7 pm) at the Center at the Heights (CATH). Online registration for these clinics will open at 9 am on Friday, February 12th. Appointments must be made online at www.maimmunizations.org. The clinic is named “Needham: Public Health Clinic.” As a reminder, eligible recipients are currently those in Phase 1 or those 75+.

Please continue to check www.maimmunizations.org for appointments in Needham or other locations.

Questions? Please contact Needham Public Health at needhamvaccine@needhamma.gov or call 781-455-7934. Note, this line is a voicemail box. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Learn more about the vaccine and how to prepare for your appointment and at www.mass.gov/vaccine.

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.

Vaccinations for Caregivers of Those 75+

As of today, the state is allowing caregivers of those 75+ to make an appointment to receive the vaccine at the same time as the person they care for. In Needham, appointments are required for all vaccinations and no vaccines will be given to caregivers who have not made an appointment in advance of arriving at the clinic. Appointments should be made close together in time but must be on the same clinic day. We suggest you register your 75+ individual first to



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secure their spot prior to the caregivers. If you receive your first dose at a Needham Public Health clinic, you must schedule your second dose at a Needham Public Health clinic as well.

Masks, Distancing Still Necessary Post-Vaccination

While the Covid vaccine protects you from severe illness if you contract the virus, it does not guarantee you immunity and may not prevent you from spreading the virus to others. That's why even after you receive the first dose and the second dose of the vaccine, you must continue to wear a mask, maintain social distance and wash your hands frequently. Studies are underway to determine whether those who receive the vaccine can spread the virus.