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## Needham Public Health Offers New Dashboard for Covid-19 Data

Dashboard shows improved data and demographic information on Needham cases, vaccinations

NEEDHAM – Tuesday, March 2, 2021 – The Town of Needham and Needham Public Health have launched a new Covid-19 dashboard that offers the public more detailed information about Covid-19 cases in Needham and progress on vaccination efforts by Needham Public Health.

The new dashboard is embedded on the Town's dedicated <u>Covid-19 website</u> (<u>https://covid-needham.hub.arcgis.com/</u>) and is updated weekly in tandem with the state's weekly updates.

The dashboard contains information on the following categories:

- Total Covid-19 cases broken down by age, race and ethnicity and gender;
- Confirmed cases and deaths by month;
- Average daily cases and 14-day incidence rate by age; and
- Vaccinations by Needham Public Health by race and ethnicity, age and gender as well as first and second dose distributions by week.

"We know that residents of Needham are very interested in better understanding what Covid-19 looks like in the community and we're continuously working to make that information more accessible and easier to understand," said Needham Public Health Director Timothy McDonald. "Our hope is that this information can be helpful to people as they continue to take the necessary steps to keep them and their loved ones safe."

The dashboard was created by the Town's new epidemiologist using publicly available data. New data may be added in the future.