



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



Needham Covid-19 Update

March 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.

- 1500 Needham cases to date (3/11/2021). This is an increase of 54 cases since the 3/4/21 report.
- Needham is in the YELLOW category this week. Read the state’s Weekly Public Health Report [here](#).
- 121 Coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (3/11/21).

NEEDHAM VACCINE UPDATE

| Doses Received to Date | Doses Administered to Date | Doses Scheduled for Distribution | Total Doses Administered or Scheduled |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 5,810 | 6,273 | 0 | 6,273 |

“Doses scheduled” is zero as there are no clinics next week. Needham Public Health’s (NPH) last clinics are Monday, March 22 and Saturday, April 3 for second doses – NPH has not yet received those doses.

Needham Public Health Reminds Vaccinated Individuals to Wear Masks, Distance

While it may be tempting to ditch the masks once you’re fully vaccinated, the Town of Needham and the Commonwealth still have mask [orders](#) in place. You may not enter any place of business in Massachusetts without a mask, regardless of vaccination status. The CDC [advised](#) this week that those who have been fully vaccinated continue to wear masks when in the company of those who are at high risk of contracting Covid and those who have not yet been fully vaccinated.

Residents May Pre-Register for Appointments at Mass Vaccination Sites Beginning Friday

Beginning Friday, March 12th, eligible residents can [pre-register](#) for their vaccines at the state’s seven mass vaccination sites. Once an individual is registered, they will receive an alert when an appointment is available. Pre-registration is only available for the mass vaccination sites. The state’s vax finder [website](#) will continue to list other sites that are not mass vaccination sites where appointments may be available.



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Reserved Vaccination Days at Mass Vaccinations Sites for Educators

The state announced this week that it has reserved four days in March and April for K-12 and early education staff and teachers to receive vaccinations. Beginning today, those individuals who qualify as a K-12 educators/early education teachers or staff member are eligible for vaccinations at any site. The state has cautioned that while eligibility has been expanded to this new group, the state is not expecting to receive more vaccines to be shipped to the state than it usually receives each week until at least the end of the month. Therefore, it may take at least a month before all eligible educators can secure an appointment. The following days will have appointments designated for educators only at the state's mass vaccination sites:

- Saturday, March 27
- Saturday, April 3
- Saturday, April 10
- Sunday, April 11