



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



Needham Covid-19 Update

April 15, 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.

- 1,688 Needham cases to date (4/15/2021). This is an increase of 41 cases since the 4/8/21 report.
- Needham is in the YELLOW category this week. Read the state’s Weekly Public Health Report [here](#).
- 139 Coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (4/8/21).

NEEDHAM VACCINE UPDATE

Doses Received to Date	Doses Administered to Date	Doses Scheduled for Distribution	Total Doses Administered or Scheduled
6,410	6,887	0	6,887

All Individuals 16+ Eligible for Vaccine Beginning Monday, April 19th

Beginning Monday, all individuals age 16 and older in Massachusetts are eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. Residents can [pre-register](#) now to be notified when an appointment is available at one of the state’s mass vaccination or regional vaccination sites. To find other vaccination locations, visit the state’s [website](#). Needham Public Health does not have vaccine and is not offering vaccinations to the public at this time.

With J&J Pause, Town Suspends Homebound Vaccinations

Amid concerns over a rare blood disorder that causes clots and low platelet counts experienced by a small number of people nationwide who have received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, the state, at the federal government’s urging put a pause on all J&J vaccinations. Needham Public Health had planned to offer J&J to homebound residents who met the state’s qualifications. For questions, email needhamvaccine@needhamma.gov. To read more on this rare disorder please visit the CDC webpage [here](#). If you or anyone you know has received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and has concerns, please call your medical provider for information and guidance on steps to take.