



# **NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION**



## **Update on COVID-19 From the Town of Needham and Needham Public Health**

April 30, 2020 – 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 is reporting that as of April 30, 2020 there are:

- 62,205 cases statewide
- 5,896 cases Norfolk County
- 3,562 deaths statewide
- 217 cases in [Needham](#) (as reported by DPH on 4/29)
- 33 coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (as reported by the Town Clerk on 4/27)
- Four public safety employees have had confirmed cases of COVID-19. Three have recovered.

It's important to remember that most people who are confirmed to have COVID-19 recover. For more state data, visit [www.mass.gov/coronavirus](http://www.mass.gov/coronavirus).

### **Face Covering Order Effective Tomorrow**

The emergency order requiring all individuals to wear face coverings in buildings and on work sites in Needham goes into effect Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:01 am. Face coverings include non-medical grade surgical masks, cloth face masks, scarves, bandanas, buffs or other cloth item that covers your nose and mouth. Face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing and can help stop the spread of COVID-19. For more information about the order and how to properly wear and care for your covering visit:

<http://www.needhamma.gov/4860/Face-MaskCovering-Guidance>

### **Park and Rec Programs Closed Through June, Update on Pools**

We know many of you are anxious about summer programs and the status of the Rosemary Pools. Following public health guidance and the state's current orders, Park and Recreation's summer programs through July 5, 2020 have been cancelled. Park and Rec staff will reach out to currently registered participants regarding their registrations.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to open the Rosemary pools on June 7<sup>th</sup> as planned. We know this is disappointing for children and families who look forward to gathering in the summer, but we are making decisions based on the best information and guidance currently available. As soon as we have additional information on the pools and programs status, we will provide an update here and through Park and Recreation email lists.

In addition, 2020 Summer Volunteer program registration is postponed until further notice.

Park and Recreation staff miss you all and are continuing to provide opportunities to gather together as a community virtually. Check out Park and Rec's [website](#) and follow along on [Facebook](#).

### **Paint Drop-Off Days on Hold at RTS**

The Paint Collection Days scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup> at the RTS have been cancelled and will not continue until further notice. We will provide an update when one is available. You may also check with staff in the work trailer for updates.



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## **Find a COVID-19 Testing Facility**

Do you need a test to determine if you may have COVID-19? If you believe you may need a test, first contact your health care provider. If he or she recommends that you should be tested, but their facility cannot offer the test, obtain a referral and contact one of the facilities listed below. You may need to undergo an additional eligibility screen before you can be tested. If you have a clinician's referral, contact one of the sites below to make an appointment. These sites do NOT take walk-ins and require an appointment. <https://www.needhamma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21228/MA-COVID-19-Testing-Sites-0406?bidId=>

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