



# **NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION**



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

April 1, 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 1, 2020 there are:

- 7,738 cases statewide
- 829 Norfolk County
- 122 deaths statewide

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)

Town data is updated and publicly released each Tuesday by 5 pm.

### **Let Us Know How We're Doing**

Let us know how we're doing providing you the information you need. Take this 3-question [survey](#) to help us make these daily updates as helpful as possible going forward.

### **Pay As You Throw Yellow Bags Available for Delivery or Curbside Pickup**

Residents who need yellow bags to drop their trash at the RTS have options for purchasing the bags while practicing social distancing. In addition to purchasing bags in-store, the following retailers are making additional accommodations:

- Harvey's Hardware – bags available via curbside pickup
- Roche Bros Supermarket – bags available via delivery
- Sudbury Farms – bags available via delivery
- Volante Farms – bags available curbside for high risk individuals

As a reminder, please continue to practice social distancing at the RTS. For the safety of our employees and your own safety, please limit your time at the RTS, adhere to the closures of the donation bins, Goodwill trailer and Swap Shop and try to visit the RTS during non-Saturday hours. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **Select Board Meets Friday to Receive COVID-19 Update**

The Select Board will meet virtually Friday, April 3 at 3 pm. The Board will receive an update from Needham Public Health and the Town Manager related to COVID-19 efforts. The board will also discuss setting the Fall Town Meeting date. To listen and view this virtual meeting on a phone, computer, laptop, or tablet, download the "Zoom Cloud Meeting" app in any app store or at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). At the above date and time, click on "Join a Meeting" and enter the meeting 607 456 201 or click the link below to join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/607456201>. The meetings will also be carried by the Needham Channel.



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## **Needham Public Schools to Provide Free Breakfast and Lunch for Children in Need**

Beginning Friday, April 3, 2020 the Needham Public Schools Child Nutrition Services Program will distribute “grab and go” bags containing breakfast and lunch for any child or teen in need in Needham. Recipients DO NOT need to be qualified for free or reduced lunch. Any child or teen in need is eligible to receive the meals.

These FREE meals-to-go will contain a variety of breakfast items including cereal, bagels, muffins, yogurt, fruit and milk. Lunches will include a variety of cold sandwiches, entrée salads, individual pizzas to heat up, fruits, vegetables and milk.

Meals will be available in a drive-through format on Tuesdays and Fridays between 11:00 – 1:00 at High Rock School. On each of those two days, a bag will be given for each child, which will contain breakfast and lunch meals for each day (including weekend days) until the next service day.

HOURS: 11:00AM - 1:00PM - Tuesday & Friday

The distribution site will be High Rock School (77 Ferndale Ave): See below for the directions to and instructions for the meal pick-up site at High Rock.

- Cars will enter the drive-through loop on Linden Street and proceed to the meal distribution carts just beyond the first small parking lot.
- Bags will be distributed in a drive-through format; Residents will remain in their vehicles.
- If children cannot be present at the meal pickup site, the parent / guardian or designee will need to give the student name/s to receive meals.
- In order to maintain appropriate social distancing, meals should not be consumed on site.
- Cars will continue through the loop and exit onto Sylvan Rd.

On Friday, each student meal bag will include Friday lunch and breakfast and lunch for Saturday, Sunday and Monday. On Tuesdays, each student meal bag will include Tuesday Lunch, Wednesday & Thursday Breakfasts and Lunches and Friday Breakfast. If you have a hardship and are in need of more convenient hours for pick up, please contact Nutrition Services Director, Ruth Griffin, via email: [Ruth\\_griffin@needham.k12.ma.us](mailto:Ruth_griffin@needham.k12.ma.us) or phone at: 781-455-0400 x11216

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