



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

April 10, 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 10, 2020 there are:

- 20,974 cases statewide
- 2,216 Norfolk County
- 599 deaths statewide
- *Note: This is not new information. As of April 7, 2020: Needham has had a total of 61 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and 31 community members have recovered from the virus. Two public safety employees have had confirmed cases. Those two employees are recovered. Town data is updated Tuesdays at 5 pm.

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.

RTS Reminder

A reminder from the Recycling and Transfer Station (RTS): Saturdays are very busy at the RTS. Due to social distancing, the RTS is currently limiting the number of vehicles that can enter the facility at a given time. No more than 18 vehicles will be allowed in the trash/recycling area at once. No more than 6 vehicles will be allowed in the yard waste area at once.

There will be two lanes of traffic to enter the RTS – one lane to the left will be for vehicles going straight to yard waste. The right lane will be for residents disposing of trash and recyclables.

Patrons have been great about complying with the new changes. Please consider visiting the RTS during the week to make your trip quick, safe and efficient

Can You Help Us Collect More Masks?

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated homemade masks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) over the last several weeks. We've been able to distribute PPE to healthcare workers, postal workers, grocery store workers, Town employees and others. But we need more. Can you donate? We have a bin outside Rosemary Recreation Complex Monday through Friday 10 am – 5 pm. The bin is emptied throughout the day. Thanks for your generosity and support.

A Message from BID-Needham CEO John Fogarty

Many of you have asked for an update on how our local hospital Beth Israel Deaconess – Needham is faring during this pandemic. BID-Needham CEO John Fogarty provided an update in this [video](#) on what's happening at the hospital with staff, patients and hospital operations. You can help the hospital by donating to the [Healthcare Heroes Fund](#).

Update from the MBTA

In an ongoing effort to protect the health and safety of its employees during the COVID-19 outbreak, the MBTA is reassessing and rescheduling diversions as needed. All subway diversions are now postponed through May 3rd. Subway, bus and commuter rail will continue to run at reduced service levels. This is a developing situation, and for the latest information, riders should check mbta.com/coronavirus.