



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

April 15, 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 15, 2020 there are:

- 29,918 cases statewide
- 3,122 cases Norfolk County
- 1,108 deaths statewide
- 114 cases in [Needham](#)

Change in Reporting: State to Take Over Release of Community-Specific Case Numbers

Governor Baker's Administration announced that beginning today, the state will release confirmed COVID-19 cases by community on a weekly basis. The state Department of Public Health will release the information Wednesday afternoons. Because the state will now release the numbers weekly, the Town will defer to the state and no longer publish Needham-specific cases on Tuesdays. However, the Town will continue to report public safety numbers, shifting the reporting date of that information to Wednesdays.

Announcements from the RTS

- **April Paint Collection Day Cancelled**
The Recycling and Transfer Station Paint Collection Day originally scheduled for Saturday, April 18th has been cancelled. The RTS will re-evaluate the start of the program to determine whether it can be re-started in May.
- **RTS Asks Residents to Stop Throwing Garbage Away Without Yellow Bags**
The RTS continues to experience patrons throwing garbage and recyclables away without using the required yellow bags. As a reminder, yellow bags can be purchased at Roche Bros., Sudbury Farms and Harvey's Hardware. Yellow bags are REQUIRED for garbage disposal at the RTS.
- **RTS Cautions Delays Due to Storm Cleanup**
The RTS is cautioning patrons to expect delays at the RTS, particularly in the yard waste/brush drop off area, due to cleanup from the storm earlier this week. Additional vehicles heading to that area may lead to delays and additional traffic.

Your Feedback: Share The Good News

While this is a difficult time for many of us, the Coronavirus pandemic has brought out the best in our community. In the survey we issued earlier this month, you told us you want more positive stories from Needham. So, tell us – what positive stories are out there? You can email goodnews@needhamma.gov to share your story. We'll post stories, photos and videos on our website and on in our Daily Updates. We also share these stories on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Be sure to follow us!

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