



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

May 4, 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 May 4, 2020 there are:

- 1,000 new cases reported today for a total of 69,087 cases statewide
- 6,382 cases in Norfolk County
- 86 new deaths reported today for a total of 4,090 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.

Seeking Feedback on Needham's Climate Resiliency Plan

The Town of Needham is developing Climate and Hazard Mitigation plans to prepare for future extreme weather events. The plans will make the Town eligible to apply for funding of town priorities. Due to COVID-19, our in-person feedback session has been cancelled. However, we are still seeking public feedback on the priorities that should be included in the plans. To learn about potential hazards facing Needham and provide your feedback please visit our dedicated [website](#). The site includes a short survey where you can offer your comments and suggestions about how Needham can best be prepared. Feedback provide by May 18, 2020 will be included in the final MVP report.

Registration Open Now for Children's Summer Reading Program

Registration has begun on the Needham Free Public Library's [website](#) for the Imagine Your Story 2020 Summer Reading Program.

Children ages 4 to 12 become the hero in a story that unfolds as they log online the time they spend reading, being read to, or listening to audio books. Children quest through the Enchanted Forest, encounter dragons, unicorns, and other magical beings to see if they can reach the royal castle in the kingdom of Readsallot and earn digital badges along the way. Children who read for 17 hours or more will be knighted by the King and Queen of Readsallot. Parents can also register for an Early Literacy Summer Reading Program for children 0-3. Adults read aloud to the child and log the time spent reading. Read to your child for 10 hours over the summer by August 4th to complete the program. Earn digital badges and uncover early literacy tips along the way - things you can do at home to engage your child in reading.

Register at Needhamma.beanstack.com or at the Library website's Children's page: www.needhamma.gov/library/childrens. Events are subject to change. For more information, please e-mail the Children's Librarian at neechild@minlib.net

Some Positive News From Your Neighbors

Thanks to Needham resident Freddie Kay for sharing the following positive news with us this weekend: [Nancy Walton lives on May Street in Needham](#). We've been "neighbors" for about 28 years. Nancy, with great enthusiasm and her wonderful sign thanked first responders and others



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in the pouring rain on Friday evening at 7pm on May Street in Needham. (Click the link to see the photo).

Have a positive story to share? Email goodnews@needhamma.gov and share your story!

A Message from Local Restaurants

Local restaurants and their workers want you to know they're open for business and they need your support! Thanks to the Newton-Needham Chamber for sharing this [video](#) featuring some local restaurant owners.

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