



# **NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION**



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

May 5, 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 5, 2020 there are:

- 1,184 new cases today for a total of 70,271 cases statewide
- 6,466 cases in Norfolk County
- 122 new deaths today for a total of 4,212 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).

### **Statewide Face Covering Order Takes Effect Tomorrow**

The statewide requirement that everyone wear a face covering in public takes effect tomorrow. This applies to both indoor and outdoor spaces. A face covering can include anything that covers your nose and mouth, including dust masks, scarves and bandanas. The state is asking that you do not use medical-grade masks such as the N95 masks - those should be preserved for healthcare workers. Face coverings are not a substitute for social distancing, and you should continue to remain physically distant from other individuals wherever possible. Read more about the Governor's order:

<https://www.mass.gov/news/wear-a-mask-in-public>

Please do not discard used face masks or gloves anywhere other than in a trash receptacle. This helps keep workers safe and Needham clean. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **Governor Eases Some Restrictions on "Non-Essential" Businesses**

Governor Baker revised some of his guidance around the operation of "non-essential" businesses Monday evening, allowing certain businesses to bring in a small number of employees to remotely fulfill online or phone orders for delivery. Customers are not allowed to enter the business and there are several guidelines that the businesses must follow. Learn more here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-essential-services-faqs>

### **Thank You, Teachers! Students Say Thanks During Teacher Appreciation Week**

Members of the Needham Police Department escorted a parade of families in cars by the Mitchell Elementary School today where teachers gathered to say hello to their students and students offered up thanks and cheers for their teachers. On behalf of the entire Needham community, thank you teachers for all you do for our children. Watch some of the parade coverage [here](#).

### **Needham High School Students Competing in Semifinal Round of High School Quiz Show**

And now....a reason to cheer. Needham High School is moving on to compete in the semifinal round of *High School Quiz Show*, WGBH's fast-paced battle of the brains for Massachusetts high school students. After defeating Waltham High School in the quarterfinal round, Needham will now face Belmont High



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School on Saturday, May 9 at a special time – 6:30pm – on WGBH 2. The episode will repeat Sunday, May 10 at 10:30am and 5pm and will be available to stream shortly after broadcast at [highschoolquizshow.org](http://highschoolquizshow.org) and on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). You can follow along in the bracket online. Go Needham!

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