



## NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



### COVID-19 Update – March 11, 2020 @ 3:55 pm

The Town has been notified by the state of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a Needham resident. The resident has been quarantined and does not pose a risk to the public. There is currently no evidence of community spread in Needham and there is no evidence of exposure in Town or school buildings. The risk of COVID-19 remains low.

While the risk of COVID-19 remains low in Needham, out of an abundance of caution the Town is taking several measures:

- Needham Public Health is cancelling all non-essential Town-sponsored events and gatherings for at least the next 30 days;
- Needham Public Health is cancelling all non-essential, non-Town sponsored events occurring on Town property for at least the next 30 days;
- The Center at the Heights was closed on March 11, 2020;
- Needham Public Health is advising all event organizers to cancel or postpone any large public events for at least 30 days and advises them to monitor updated guidance from the state Department of Public Health and the CDC;
- Needham Public Health is encouraging Needham-based businesses to cancel or postpone non-essential employee meetings and all travel, in line with the guidance provided by Governor Baker.

Needham employees have been directed to cancel or postpone non-essential meetings, including public meetings and hearings for at least the next 30 days.

As information is rapidly changing, you should check with event organizers to determine whether an event is cancelled before attending.

On March 10, 2020 Governor Charlie Baker [declared a State of Emergency in Massachusetts](#) to support the Commonwealth's response to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Governor urged employers and other large organizations to limit or eliminate non-essential travel and limit or eliminate large events where possible. The Governor also urged older adults and those with health issues to avoid large crowds and large events.

On March 11, 2020, following this guidance, Needham Public Health closed the Center at the Heights (CATH). Staff is working to provide alternative arrangements for seniors in need of important services. For questions related to seniors, please contact the CATH at 781-455-7555.

Please continue to take the following actions to limit the spread of COVID-19:

- Cover your mouth – when you cough or sneeze use a tissue or your inner elbow, not your hands.
- Wash your hands – with soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based sanitizing gel.
- Stay home if you are sick – and avoid close contact with others.

For more updates visit: [www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus](http://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus) or [cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus)