



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

May 11, 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 11, 2020 there are:

- 669 new cases today for a total of 78,462 cases statewide (cases also include weekend case increase)
- 7,004 cases in Norfolk County
- 129 new deaths today for a total of 5,108 deaths statewide (cases also include weekend deaths)
- 251 cases in Needham (as reported by DPH 5/6)
- 50 coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (as reported by the Town Clerk on 5/11. Next update will be 5/25)
- 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.

State Releases Workplace Safety Standards for Business Reopening

Governor Baker today released a list of safety standards that business will have to adhere to as they begin reopening in the coming weeks and months. The Governor also announced that his administration would implement a 4-phase approach to reopening businesses and pledged to offer more details over the next few days. Baker said there will be additional industry-specific guidance offered to businesses to ensure they re-open and begin operating as safely as possible. Read more about the Governor's plans [here](#).

Youth & Family Services Seeking Feedback on Helpful Resources

Youth & Family Services is working hard to meet the needs of the Needham community during this current health crisis. We would like your input as to what resources and/or services would be beneficial to you and your family. Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions.

In addition, we would like to gather data on youth mental health and substance use. This data will be used by the Substance Prevention Alliance of Needham (SPAN) to help shape the work of the coalition.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9SQGPG8>

Accustomed to Isolation, Sunita Williams Shares Her Thoughts During Current Pandemic

Hometown legend astronaut Sunita Williams knows a thing or two about coping in isolation. She shared her tips a few weeks into the COVID-19 pandemic with AARP magazine. Read her story [here](#).

Thank You Volante Farms for Mother's Day Flower Donation

Thank you to Volante Farms for their [generous donation](#) of flowers to isolated seniors in Needham. They brightened Mother's Day for 97 older residents in Town. Thank you, Volante Farms!



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UPDATED - Upcoming Public Meetings

Several Town boards, commissions and committee meet this week with some including issues related to COVID-19 on their agendas. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Monday, May 11 at 7 pm. Watch via [Zoom](#).
- [Board of Health](#), Tuesday, May 12 at 9 am. Watch via [Zoom](#).
- [Select Board](#), Tuesday, May 12 at 6 pm. Watch via [Zoom](#).
- [Council of Economic Advisors](#), Wednesday, May 13 at 10 am. Watch via [Zoom](#).
- [Youth and Family Services Board Meeting](#), Wednesday, May 13 at 3:30 pm. Watch via [Zoom](#).
- [Community Preservation Committee](#), Wednesday, May 13 at 7:30 pm. Watch via [Zoom](#).

Video of each meeting will be posted to the Town's [YouTube page](#) after the meeting.

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