



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

May 26, 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 26, 2020 there are:

- 422 new cases today for a total of 93,693 cases statewide (including weekend cases)
- 7,863 cases in Norfolk County (including weekend cases)
- 128 new deaths today for a total of 6,066 deaths statewide (including weekend deaths)
- 303 cases in Needham (as of 5/20/20)
- 56 coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (next report will be 6/8)
- Four public safety employees have had confirmed cases of COVID-19. All four 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.

Requirements for Re-opening Businesses

Beginning this week, some business that were previously closed may re-open to the public. Businesses in this Phase 1 [include](#):

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Retail for curbside pickup
- Pet grooming by appointment
- Barber shops and hair salons by appointment
- Houses of worship at 40 percent capacity or less
- Offices at less than 25 percent capacity

Businesses are not required to reopen. Those that choose to reopen must take these steps before opening:

- Complete the COVID-19 [control plan template](#)
- Print and post copies of both the required [employer](#) and [employee](#) posters
- Print, sign and display the [compliance attestation](#) poster.

For additional requirements, review the [general business guidance](#) and [sector-specific protocols and best practices](#).

Reminder – Tennis Courts and Memorial Park Now Open for Passive Recreation

As part of Phase 1 Re-opening, the state has authorized communities to open their parks, fields and open spaces. Park and Recreation has opened tennis courts and Memorial Field for passive recreation. Residents seeking to access the tennis courts are required to purchase a tennis badge. Tennis Badges are \$30 for an individual, \$45 for a family, or \$15 for a senior individual (over 60). Tennis Badges can be purchased [online](#) (click on 'Purchase Membership') or by mail (Attn: Tennis Badges, 178 Rosemary Street, Needham, MA 02494). When purchasing online, please ensure all members of your household are listed on your account prior to purchasing.



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Additional parks and fields in Town will open on a rolling basis. Sign up for Park and Recreation's 'Field Status' email list or check the website. As a reminder, all playgrounds and basketball courts remain closed to the public.

Read Park and Recreation's full Phase 1 Re-Opening Plan.

This Week's Town Meetings

There are numerous meetings of boards and commissions this week. Check out the calendars here:

Tuesday, May 26, 2020:

<http://needhamma.gov/calendar.aspx?view=list&year=2020&month=5&day=26&CID=14>

Wednesday, May 27, 2020:

<http://needhamma.gov/calendar.aspx?view=list&year=2020&month=5&day=27>

Thursday, May 28, 2020:

<http://needhamma.gov/calendar.aspx?view=list&year=2020&month=5&day=28>