



NEEDHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION



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

August 6, 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 reports the number of positive cases and deaths daily on the state's [COVID-19 dashboard here](#).

Town-specific case numbers are published by the state every Wednesday on the COVID-19 [Weekly Public Health Report](#).

- 369 Needham cases to date (8/6/2020)
- 77 Coronavirus deaths in Needham to date (7/29/20)

Rhode Island No Longer a Low-Risk State

Beginning Friday, August 7, travelers from Rhode Island to Massachusetts will be required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival to MA or produce a negative COVID test. This includes residents of MA who are returning from time in Rhode Island. Travelers arriving in Massachusetts from any place other than New York, New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut or Hawaii must quarantine for 14 days or have a negative COVID test no more than 72 hours before arriving in MA. This order pertains to residents returning home to Massachusetts as well as out-of-state residents. Read the [order](#). Travelers must also fill out a [Massachusetts Travel Form](#).

Face Covers Required

As a reminder, face covers are required to be worn in all public spaces indoors and outdoors when social distance of at least 6 feet between individuals cannot be maintained. Wearing a face cover helps prevent spread of the virus. Thank you for your cooperation.

Shop Local – But Safely – in Needham

Retailers in Needham are welcoming customers back to their stores and are excited to see (masked) faces again! On behalf of our retailers and the Town, we are reminding patrons that face covers are required in all indoor establishments. Many of the Town's retailers offer hand sanitizer and disposable masks if you forget yours, but please remember that face covers are a state and local requirement. Retailers need your cooperation in order to continue to operate in a way that keeps their employees and the public safe. In addition, while many Needham retailers are located in small spaces, it's particularly important to be mindful of social distancing. Retailers are also asking customers to minimize the use of cash and to plan your visit for another day if you're feeling ill or showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Please help our retailers make it through this pandemic so they can continue to be a part of the fabric of Needham. Thank you for your patience during these times.

Reopening Website Offers Local Reopening Information

The Town will continue to post reopening-related updates to a dedicated Reopening [website](#). Check there for updates as new information is posted.