

TOWN OF HOPKINTON 18 Main Street Hopkinton, MA 01748

COVID-19 Updates & Precautions August 28, 2020 update

Previous updates and additional information and resources can be found here:

https://coronavirus-hopkintonma.hub.arcgis.com/

We are pleased to announce that Hopkinton Town Hall reopened to the public as of Monday August 10th. Appointments are required: click here for more information. All town departments are open for business. Many transactions can be completed online, and we are available via phone and email to assist during regular business hours. A full Town Directory can be found here. A box at the front door of Town Hall may be used to drop off correspondence, applications, etc., and they may also be mailed or emailed.

As of 8/27/20, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 141 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 4 of those cases are active, with 123 recoveries and 13 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard.

As of Wednesday's (8/26) weekly Public Health Report and Community Level Data Reporting issued by the Commonwealth, Hopkinton's 14-day Average Daily Case Rate (per 100,000) is trending negatively from <5 reported cases (grey rating), to <4 cases per 100,000 (green rating). Most of the new cases in Hopkinton are attributed to travel. While Hopkinton, as a community, continues to fare well - this uptick is a reminder that we all need to stay vigilant. A continued negative trend of the 14-day Average Daily Case Rate (per 100,000) to 4-8 cases per 100,000 would move Hopkinton into the yellow rating, and may negatively impact the school reentry, reduce the likelihood of Fall sports and jeopardize the health and wellness of the community.

Annual Town Meeting - NEW DETAILS

At their meeting last week (Tue 8/18/2020), the Hopkinton Select Board <u>voted to reschedule</u> Annual Town Meeting to Saturday September 12, 2020 at 9:30 AM. The location has been confirmed, and ATM will take place outside at the Hopkinton High School in the "old bus loop" area. There will be one large tent, able to accommodate 200 people with socially distanced seating. Families, or those residing in the same household, will not be exempt from the socially distanced seating arrangements - and so we ask for your cooperation in not moving or relocating chairs. In the event of severe inclement weather, the rain date will be Sunday September 13, 2020 at 1:00 PM. More details will be forthcoming.

Town Hall Reopening Plan:

On Monday August 10th, Town Hall reopened to the public **by appointment only**. This is due to the state's COVID-19 limits on building occupancy. Click here for more information.

Tax Free Weekend:

This weekend (Aug 29 & 30) is <u>Tax Free Weekend</u> in Massachusetts. Please remember to <u>#MaskUpMA</u> and practice social distancing. This is a great time to stay close to home and shop local. More info can be found here: https://www.findmylocalma.com/

Hopkinton Youth and Family Services:

A reminder that Hopkinton Youth and Family Services is here for you, and can be reached by phone at 508-497-9781. Additionally, you can find more info from the <u>Y&FS Basic Needs Resource Sheet for COVID19</u> or their facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/hopkintonyouthandfamilyservices,

Hopkinton Senior Center:

The Senior Center, with a grant from the MetroWest Health Foundation, has begun a limited take-out lunch program (Tuesday - Friday) for Hopkinton seniors, particularly those who are homebound and/or have relied on the Center for their daily main meal in the past. While we have limited quantities, if you know of a senior who might benefit from this program please call the Senior Center at 508-497-9730. Cost is \$2 per meal.

Hopkinton also posts frequently on social media. Our Twitter is the best place to keep up with all happenings Hopkinton. You don't need an account to see our twitter feed: https://twitter.com/HopkintonMA

Complete list of Emergency Orders and Guidance from Mass.gov https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency