



TOWN OF HOPKINTON
18 Main Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

COVID-19 Updates & Precautions

August 7, 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 will reopen to the public as of Monday August 10th. Appointments will be required, and details are provided in the updates section below. 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 8/7/20, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 135 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 3 of those cases are active, with 120 recoveries and 12 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on [Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard](#).

Town Hall Reopening Plan - NEW UPDATE

On Monday August 10th, Town Hall will reopen to the public by appointment only. This is due to the state's COVID-19 limits on building occupancy. Currently, only one visitor will be allowed, per floor, at a time. Under this initial reopening, any member of the public wishing to visit Town Hall in person must schedule an appointment in advance. To make an appointment with Town Hall staff, please [contact the department](#) directly to schedule a mutually available time slot. When arriving for your confirmed appointment, all visitors must wear a face-covering for the duration of the visit. In addition, visitors will be required to complete a COVID-19 attestation form in advance or upon arrival. Any individual who has symptoms of COVID-19 is asked to stay home and reschedule their appointment..

In order to support physical distancing, the Town has installed signage and markings to provide guidance, as well as plexiglass barriers at customer-facing counters for protection. Hand-sanitizers have also been installed throughout Town Hall.

All Town departments continue to offer residents and businesses the ability to conduct transactions online, by mail, by phone, and via the drop-boxes located in the rear and front of Town Hall. The Town encourages residents and businesses to use online services to conduct business.

Under this initial reopening phase, the Town continues to protect the health and safety of the public and its employees by following state guidelines. Adhering to the state's reduced capacity requirement, 50% of staff will be at Town Hall at any given time. All staff are required to complete a COVID-19 attestation form daily before entering the office and wear a face-covering in shared spaces, including corridors, lobbies and restrooms. Staff who have COVID-19 symptoms must remain at home.

The Facilities Department is sanitizing high touch areas frequently.

Future phases of the reopening of Town Hall will depend on public health measures, state guidelines, and will be announced when they are determined.

Guidance for Travelers arriving in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - REMINDER

On July 24, 2020, the Governor, issued COVID-19 Order No. 45 adopting a mandatory 14-day quarantine for travelers arriving in Massachusetts (hereinafter, the Order). The effective date of the Order is August 1, 2020. This binding guidance must be followed by all travelers entering Massachusetts, except those covered by limited exemptions. More info can be found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/guidance/guidance-for-travelers-arriving-in-the-commonwealth-of-massachusetts>

Travelers from COVID-19 lower-risk States are not required to fill out the Massachusetts Travel Form and do not need to quarantine. States are included on the list based on meeting two criteria: average daily cases per 100K below 6 AND positive test rate below 5%, both measured as a 7-day rolling average. Data is from covidexitstrategy.org as of July 21, 2020. The current list of COVID-19 lower-risk states includes: Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Hawaii, New Jersey, Maine, New York. **(Note: Effective Friday, August 7, Rhode Island is no longer listed as a lower-risk state)**

Hopkinton Public Library: REMINDER AND NEW UPDATE

The library's book drop is now open from 9:30 am on Mondays through 4:30 pm on Fridays. It will remain closed on weekends and Monday holidays. Please do not leave items outside while the book drop is closed, as they may be lost or damaged. Returned items are placed in quarantine, so you may continue to see them on your account or receive automatic notifications for a few days. Any late fines are being forgiven when items are checked in.

NEW: The Children's "quick picks" have been so successful that we are expanding this service to teens! Fill out the form at hopkintonlibrary.org/teens.asp and our teen librarian will put together a bundle of 3 YA books based on your tastes.

Stop the Spread" Free Covid-19 Testing Sites:

The Commonwealth is launching a strategic testing program in communities across Massachusetts that have continued to see a higher number of residents testing positive for COVID-19. The program runs through August 14th. While Hopkinton is not one of these communities that is seeing a higher number of residents testing positive, the testing is free and is available to anybody. Testing is open to everyone. You don't need to have symptom(s). There is no cost, and testing at these sites is not restricted to residents of the city or town where the testing is taking place. The closest testing sites to Hopkinton are in Marlborough, and drive-through testing is available. More info can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/stopthespread>

COVID Safe Practices Concern Form:

If you have a concern about a workplace's compliance with the Commonwealth's workplace safety standards and protocols, you may report it to the Department of Labor Standards. [Click here for more info.](#) The Department of Public Health or the Hopkinton Board of Health may follow up with you if you include your contact information.

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>