



TOWN OF HOPKINTON
18 Main Street
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COVID-19 Updates & Precautions **December 15, 2021 update**

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

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

As of 12/14/21, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 1,475 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 48 of those cases are active, with 1,475 recoveries and 17 deaths. (these metrics are cumulative since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic). You can see historical tracking and updates on [Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard](#). The Commonwealth's COVID-19 Interactive Dashboard is another valuable resource to review rates and trends: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting# covid-19-interactive-data-dashboard->

Upcoming Holidays - NEW INFO

Hopkinton Town Hall and municipal offices will be closed on Friday December 24, and Friday December 31, in observance of the Holidays.

Hopkinton Health Department (Vaccination Update) - NEW INFO

The Department would like to thank the residents and children that have participated in the most recent pediatric vaccination clinics. With your help, more than 91% of our 5-11 year old residents received their first vaccination. As of 12/9/21, 63% of the 5-11 year old residents have received both vaccinations. The Department's goal is to have 95% of this cohort fully vaccinated by the end of December. We will be hosting additional, smaller clinics to provide Pfizer and Moderna boosters through December and January. Links to the clinics will be posted on the [Town's web-site homepage](#) news section, and also shared on [Twitter](#).

Navigating the Season; a note from Hopkinton Youth and Family Services - REMINDER

Navigating the holiday season this year may reveal that you or your loved ones are experiencing challenges with mental health. We at Hopkinton Youth & Family Services note that many of us are carrying difficult feelings or experiences at this time of year, alongside all the happiness that is hoped for or seemingly experienced all around us. [Click here for more information](#)

Holiday gatherings & travel - REMINDER

Holiday traditions are important for families and children. There are several ways to enjoy holiday traditions and protect your health. Because many generations tend to gather to celebrate holidays, the best way to minimize COVID-19 risk and keep your family and friends safer is to get vaccinated if you're eligible.

[Click here to learn more](#)

SMOC Fuel Assistance - REMINDER

Applications are currently being accepted for the home heating fuel assistance program through SMOC (South Middlesex Opportunity Council). [Click here for more information](#)

CDC Recommends Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5 to 11 Years

[Click here for more information](#)

COVID-19 vaccines & boosters available now

Everyone aged 18 or older who received Pfizer or Moderna at least 6 months ago or Johnson & Johnson at least 2 months ago can get any booster. [Click here for more information](#)

Ages 16-17 are now also available to get a Pfizer booster.

More info on the Covid-19 Vaccine booster shots from the CDC can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>

Vaccine info - where & how

<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine>

Find a location using <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>

**In-home vaccinations are available to anyone who cannot travel to a vaccination location. Call (833) 983-0485 to schedule an appointment for yourself or your loved ones

Testing - where & how

<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing>

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test>

Covid Prevention & Treatment

Many of the things you do to help prevent colds and the flu can help protect you against other respiratory viruses, including COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean things that are frequently touched (like doorknobs and countertops) with household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Use a tissue or your inner elbow, not your hands.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with others.
- Utilize a face covering when warranted.
- Get vaccinated.

See more info from Mass.gov here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-prevention-and-treatment>

State of Emergency is lifted as of June 15, 2021

On May 28th, Governor Baker announced the State of Emergency would be lifted as of June 15. More info here:

<https://www.mass.gov/news/governor-baker-issues-order-rescinding-covid-19-restrictions-on-may-29-and-terminating-state-of-emergency-effective-june-15>

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>