



**TOWN OF HOPKINTON**  
18 Main Street  
Hopkinton, MA 01748

## **COVID-19 Updates & Precautions** **January 25, 2021 update**

**Previous updates and additional information and resources can be found here:**  
<https://coronavirus-hopkintonma.hub.arcgis.com/>

Hopkinton Town Hall reopened to the public as of Monday August 10th. **Appointments are required** due to the state's COVID-19 limits on building occupancy: [click here for more information](#). All town departments are open for business and many transactions can be completed online. 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 1/23/21, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 618 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 66 of those cases are active, with 535 recoveries and 17 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on [Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard](#) which is updated frequently.

Please remember to practice social distancing, wear a face covering, wash your hands often, and be safe.

### **Covid-19 Vaccine in Massachusetts - REMINDER**

Massachusetts is preparing for the safe, equitable, and effective delivery of an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine. [Click here to learn about the approach and when you can expect to get vaccinated.](#)

Vaccine plan: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-information>

Vaccine FAQs: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions>

### **Lifted Restrictions - NEW UPDATE**

#### **MANDATORY EARLY CLOSING ORDER**

The Mandatory Early Closing Order, which since early November has required certain businesses to close by 9:30 PM each night, has been rescinded effective Monday, January 25th at 5:00 AM.

Effective with the January 25 rescinding of the Order, the following businesses listed below may operate past 9:30 PM:

- Restaurants
- Arcades & Other Indoor & Outdoor Recreation (Phase 3, Step 1 only)
- Indoor and Outdoor Events
- Movie Theaters
- Outdoor Theaters
- Drive-In Movie Theaters
- Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities
- Golf Facilities
- Recreational Boating and Boating Businesses (e.g. charter boats)
- Outdoor Recreational Experiences (includes haunted houses)
- Casinos and Horse Tracks/Simulcast Facilities

- Driving and Flight Schools
- Zoos, Botanical Gardens, Wildlife Reserves, Nature Centers
- Close Contact Personal Services (e.g. hair and nail salons)
- Museums/Cultural & Historical Facilities/Guided Tours
- Gyms/Fitness Centers and Health Clubs
- Indoor and Outdoor Pools

Effective with the rescinding of the Early Closing Order, liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol will be permitted to sell alcohol past 9:30 PM; and adult use cannabis retailers will also be permitted to sell cannabis after 9:30 PM. Gatherings and events will also be permitted to continue past 9:30 PM. All gatherings and events will remain subject to current capacity limits of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. Phase 3, Step 2 businesses must remain fully closed.

### **STAY AT HOME ADVISORY**

The DPH Stay at Home Advisory for the hours of 10:00 PM – 5:00 AM was rescinded effective Monday, January 25th at 5:00 AM.

### **SECTOR-SPECIFIC CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS & GATHERING LIMITS**

Capacity Limits: Under the current restrictions that are being extended today, most customer-facing businesses operating in Massachusetts remain subject to a 25% capacity limit.

Gatherings Limit: The current gathering limits in place since December 26 are also being extended to Monday, February 8th. Indoor gatherings and events will remain limited to 10 people. Outdoor gatherings and events will remain limited to 25 people outside. The gatherings limit applies to private homes, event venues and public spaces.

### **Library Completely Closed Wednesday, January 27 - NEW UPDATE**

Due to planned work on the library's gas line, the library building will be completely closed on Wednesday, January 27. No curbside services will be provided on that day. Library staff will be available by e-mail and online chat from 10 am to 5 pm.

### **Library Services Are Curbside/Remote Only:**

Due to the spike in COVID-19 cases in Hopkinton and regionally, library services are available on a curbside/remote basis only (no walk-in service) until at least Friday, January 29.

#### The library's curbside/remote service hours are:

10 am-4:30 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays  
10 am-7 pm Tuesdays, Thursdays

Library staff are available to assist you by phone, e-mail, and online chat during these hours.

Please schedule curbside pickup times in advance by calling the library at 508-497-9777 or using the "Schedule Curbside Pickup" link under the "eServices" menu on the right-hand side of the library website, [www.hopkintonlibrary.org](http://www.hopkintonlibrary.org).

If you want to check out library materials but do not have specific titles in mind, we encourage you to use our "Quick Picks" service. Links to the "quick picks" forms are under the "eServices" menu on the right-hand side of the library website, [www.hopkintonlibrary.org](http://www.hopkintonlibrary.org).

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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>