



TOWN OF HOPKINTON
18 Main Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

COVID-19 Updates & Precautions **May 8, 2020 update**

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

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

While Town Hall and municipal buildings are physically closed to the public, we 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. Parks, Playgrounds and Playing Fields are closed.

As of 11:00 a.m. on 5/7/20, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 104 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 61 of those cases are active, with 32 recoveries and 11 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on [Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard](#): Information from Health Officials is that Massachusetts is still in the tail end of "the surge" (expected peak) period.

Remote Order Fulfillment - NEW UPDATE

Non-essential business may bring in a small number of employees in order to remotely fulfill online or phone orders. However, there are many guidelines that must be followed. Read more in the Covid-19 Essential Services FAQ's here:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-essential-services-faqs>

The Hopkinton Health Department would also like to take this opportunity to remind local business owners and operators that it is their responsibility to enforce social distancing within the workplace.

Cleaning Services - NEW UPDATE

Although cleaning companies are permitted to service essential commercial businesses and businesses that are about to open, the Attorney General's Office has stated that cleaning companies and maid services are not permitted to clean residential homes at this time. The Hopkinton Health Department appreciates the cooperation of all parties in this matter.

Summer Camps, Pools, Beaches:

The Hopkinton Health Department expects guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) next week on camps, summer programming, pools and beaches. As more information becomes available, Hopkinton will share that guidance in futures update(s).

Show Us Your Heart, Hopkinton!

Show Us Your Heart, Hopkinton! In these trying times of social distancing, our hearts are what connect us to our family, our friends, and our community. Please join the Hopkinton Public Library and other Town departments in a project to show our connection while having to stay apart by displaying a heart at your house or business. Be creative! Be colorful! Feel free to write a message of thanks or hope! Keep an eye out for hearts all over town, and **share your photos on social media with the #HearHopkinton hashtag.**

Massachusetts Face Covering Order :

On Friday May 1, Governor Baker released an Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible. The Order is effective as of Wednesday May 6. Read more here <https://www.mass.gov/doc/may-1-2020-masks-and-face-coverings/download>

Face coverings are required at all times when:

- Inside or waiting in line outside of grocery
- stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores;
- Providing or using the services of any taxi, car, livery, ride-sharing, or similar service;
- On any form of public transit, including train or bus; and
- In an enclosed or semi-enclosed transit stop or waiting area.

The use of a face covering does not replace important social distancing measures. All individuals must continue to maintain more than 6 feet of distance from other people; wash hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; and stay home when sick.

You can find many resources and more information at <https://coronavirus-hopkintonma.hub.arcgis.com/>

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>