



TOWN OF HOPKINTON

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On March 10, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to support the Commonwealth's response to COVID-19. The COVID-19 situation is very fluid, and new information and guidelines are being posted by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on a regular basis. The number of cases within Middlesex County has increased from 15 to 41 cases in the last twenty-four hours. In Hopkinton we are managing two cases that tested presumptive positive. The Hopkinton Health Department is working with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and managing these two cases per the DPH recommendations.

We will continue to proceed with the most conservative approach by monitoring any individual that meets the DPH guidelines for assessment. The Select Board, the School Committee, the Board of Health Chair and senior leaders in the town met this evening and determined the safest course of action was to close the schools. We will use this time to assess the risk of transmission to all residents, faculty, and students.

COVID-19 cases will continue to increase; most are mild, and we are working to limit transmission within our community. The best action you can take to protect yourself, your family, and our community is to follow three simple steps: wash your hands, don't shake hands, and stay home if you're sick.

The Health Department is committed to reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 to the residents of Hopkinton by educating and informing residents as new information is made available.