



TOWN OF HOPKINTON
18 Main Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

COVID-19 Updates & Precautions **May 6, 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 (more details below).

As of 11:00 a.m. on 5/6/20, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 104 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 62 of those cases are active, with 32 recoveries and 10 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on [Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard](#): Information from Health Officials is that Massachusetts is in the tail of "the surge" (expected peak) period.

Massachusetts Face Covering Order - REMINDER

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>

Governor Eases Some Restrictions on "Non-Essential" Business - NEW UPDATE

Governor Baker has revised some restrictions for the operation of "non-essential" businesses, allowing certain businesses to bring in a small number of employees to remotely fulfill online or phone orders for delivery. Customers are not allowed to enter any business, and businesses themselves must follow strict guidelines. More updates are expected in the next few days. [Read more here](#).

Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Weekly Dashboard - NEW UPDATE

Published weekly on Wednesday, this COVID-19 dashboard presents data in an easy to interpret way and enhances the information provided in the previous daily reports with trends and situational insights into the epidemic. While this dashboard includes the same information from the daily reports, it presents new visuals of data and displays trends over time. [Click here to download the report](#).

Stay safe, vote by early by mail - REMINDER

Early ballot applications are available at

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/2020-Municipal-Early-Ballot-Application.pdf>. If you would like to vote early, just fill out the Ballot application and then email to townclerk@hopkintonma.gov or mail to 18 Main Street. The May Annual Town Election has been rescheduled for June 29th.

Please contact the Town Clerk office with any questions.

[Click here to see the original notice from March 27th.](#)

Community Contact Tracing Collaborative:

If someone tests positive for COVID-19, the Collaborative's Contact Tracers will reach out by phone to that person, and their close contacts, to slow the spread of the virus. Contact Tracers will make sure residents are getting the medical attention and support they need during isolation and quarantine. The caller ID will show the call is coming from "MA COVID Team". Information shared during the call is strictly confidential and is treated as private medical information. Contact tracers WILL NOT ask for social security numbers or health insurance information. Please watch for possible scams if this information is requested. [Learn more about the Community Tracing Collaborative by clicking here.](#)

Parks and Recreation :

- [Click here for an update about Summer Programming](#)
- [Click here to read an updated refund policy](#)

Parks, Playgrounds, Playing Fields, Basketball and Tennis Courts are closed. All Town open space areas are closed for activities until further notice. Residents are asked to exercise, walk dogs and enjoy other activities individually and not congregate. Fields, parks & courts should not be used for pickup games of any kind. Hopkinton's trail system and State Parks remain open, but when encountering others, please respect social distancing guidelines.

Recycling Pickup:

Hopkinton residents that participate in curbside trash and recycling collection may place additional recycling material at the curb for EL Harvey's normal curbside collection provided that the recycling material is in a sturdy cart that can be grabbed and lifted by EL Harvey's mechanical arm that will not crush under the arm's hydraulic pressure, and the sturdy cart is clearly marked RECYCLING.

[Click here for examples of sturdy carts](#)

Please feel free to contact the DPW at 508-497-9740 with any questions.

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>