



TOWN OF HOPKINTON
18 Main Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

COVID-19 Updates & Precautions **October 21, 2020 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: [click here for more information](#). All town departments 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.

As of 10/21/20, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 160 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 7 of those cases are active, with 140 recoveries and 13 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on [Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard](#) which is updated frequently.

Town Hall Reopening Plan:

Town Hall is open to the public **by appointment only**. This is due to the state's COVID-19 limits on building occupancy. [Click here for more information](#).

Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 weekly Public Health Report- NEW UPDATE

The Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report includes enhanced, more granular information to be updated on a weekly, or biweekly basis, including town-by-town case and testing information, cases and deaths in Long Term Care Facilities, updates on nursing facility audit results, and more. The Weekly COVID-19 Public Health Report, including the city/town data and map, will be posted on Thursdays, beginning 10/22. This is a departure from the past, where this report was published on Wednesday afternoons. More info here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting>

COVID-19 Housing Assistance - NEW UPDATE

Hopkinton renters and homeowners facing eviction, foreclosure, loss of utilities, or other housing emergencies caused by loss of income, increase in expenses, or both due to the COVID-19 pandemic may call the Massachusetts 2-1-1 information hotline for information on state housing assistance programs. Operators for 2-1-1 are trained to answer questions and connect residents to the state agencies that administer COVID-19 housing assistance programs. Information is also available on the state's website: www.mass.gov/CovidHousingHelp.

State public health officials offer tips for a safe and healthy Halloween:

Be smart! Be safe! Follow the link below for information on how to have a safe and healthy Halloween. <https://www.mass.gov/news/state-public-health-officials-offer-tips-for-a-safe-and-healthy-halloween>

More to the Story - Mental Health Initiative:

There could be more to the story... You don't have to be an expert to support a friend in a time of need. Knowing how to recognize signs that something is wrong and start a conversation can make a huge difference to our loved ones. We can all Ask, Listen, Encourage, and Check in. [Click here for more info.](#) Sometimes it may seem like more immediate help is needed. **If a situation is potentially life threatening, call 9-1-1.** If a friend or family member is experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis, the Emergency Services Program is available to everyone 24/7. Call 1-877-382-1609

COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group:

Comprised of medical professionals, public health experts, elected officials, community leaders and infectious disease specialists, the COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group will advise the Administration, including the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the COVID-19 Command Center, on communication, distribution, and equity issues relating to a COVID-19 vaccine. [Click here for more information.](#)

Transition to Step II of Phase III for Lower Risk Communities Effective October 5th:

Effective Monday, October 5th, lower risk communities were permitted to move into Step II of Phase III of the Commonwealth's reopening plan. More information can be found [here](#).

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>