TOWN OF HOPKINTON
18 Main Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

COVID-19 Updates & Precautions
July 29, 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, <u>we are open for business</u>. 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 we work on plans to reopen Town Hall and other municipal buildings, we are prioritizing efforts to keep the community safe and help our local businesses reopen.

As of 7/29/20, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 133 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 1 of those cases are active, with 120 recoveries and 12 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard.

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.
https://www.mass.gov/doc/weekly-covid-19-public-health-report-july-29-2020/download

Hopkinton Public Library - NEW UPDATE
The library is piloting a new way to request books for people who don't have specific titles in mind. Click here to access our new "Quick Pick" Children's Bundle form. Staff will pull 1-5 books on a requested topic(s) and place them on hold for you. As this is a pilot offering, **we are currently only accepting requests for children's board books.** We hope to expand this service to other materials in the future. If you want to request specific items, please continue to place holds through the library's online catalog.

Guidance for Travelers arriving in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - NEW UPDATE
On July 24, 2020, the Governor, issued COVID-19 Order No. 45 adopting a mandatory 14-day quarantine for travelers arriving in Massachusetts (hereinafter, the Order). The effective date of the Order is August 1, 2020. This binding guidance must be followed by all travelers entering Massachusetts, except those covered by limited exemptions. More info can be found here:
https://www.mass.gov/guidance/guidance-for-travelers-arriving-in-the-commonwealth-of-massachusetts

Hopkinton Public Schools - REMINDER
The Hopkinton Public Schools will share the District's three plans for reentry--full-time, in-person instruction; hybrid (partly in school and partly remote) instruction; fully remote instruction--at the special School Committee Public Forum tomorrow (July 30, 2020). On August 1st, parents will be asked to begin the process of identifying a binding learning plan for their children. To learn of the schools' reentry plans, please attend the School Committee Public Forum or tune into HCAM TV on Tuesdays at 2:00PM. All public meetings are posted on Hopkinton's Web Meeting Calendar, which can also be found on the Town's homepage at https://www.hopkintonma.gov/

Mass Support:
https://masssupport.org/ is a new website launched last week that helps Massachusetts residents find support for the impact of COVID19 on behavioral health, finances, and safety. Resources, screening tools, and services are all found through this website or by calling 1-888-215-4920.

"Stop the Spread" Free Covid-19 Testing Sites:
The Commonwealth is launching a strategic testing program in communities across Massachusetts that have continued to see a higher number of residents testing positive for COVID-19. The program runs through August 14th. While Hopkinton is not one of these communities that is seeing a higher number of residents testing positive, the testing is free and is available to anybody. Testing is open to everyone. You don't need to have symptom(s). There is no cost, and testing at these sites is not restricted to residents of the city or town where the testing is taking place. The closest testing sites to Hopkinton are in Marlborough, and drive-through testing is available. More info can be found here: https://www.mass.gov/stopthespread

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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