TOWN OF HOPKINTON
18 Main Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

COVID-19 Updates & Precautions
October 22, 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** due to the state's COVID-19 limits on building occupancy: 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.

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. As of today, this weekly report is released by the State on Thursdays.
https://www.mass.gov/doc/weekly-covid-19-public-health-report-october-22-2020/download

Town of Hopkinton Covid-19 Rent & Mortgage Relief Program - NEW UPDATE
The Town of Hopkinton is announcing a program to provide partial, temporary support for certain housing costs for qualified residents who have experienced income loss due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Funding for the program comes from the Town's federal CARES Act emergency relief allocation.
Click here for more information and the application form.

COVID-19 Housing Assistance:
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.

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

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

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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