



TOWN OF HOPKINTON
18 Main Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

COVID-19 Updates & Precautions **March 4, 2021 update**

Previous updates and additional information and resources can be found here:
<https://coronavirus-hopkintonma.hub.arcgis.com/>

As of 3/3/21, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 752 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 28 of those cases are active, with 707 recoveries and 17 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.

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/weekly-covid-19-public-health-report-march-4-2021/download>

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Report - NEW UPDATE

The Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Report includes the most currently available information on vaccines shipped and administered, as well as more granular information by geography, demographic factors, and more.

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/weekly-covid-19-vaccination-report-march-4-2021/download>

K-12 Educators, Child Care Workers and K-12 School Staff Eligible for Vaccine Appointments Starting March 11th - NEW UPDATE

Beginning March 11th, all K-12 educators, child care workers and K-12 school staff will be eligible to schedule appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine. Educators may book appointments at all 170 sites currently open to eligible residents in Massachusetts by visiting www.mass.gov/covidvaccinemap.

Additionally, the Command Center will work to designate specific days at the seven mass vaccination sites for educators to get their shots. More details will be released soon.

There are approximately 400,000 K-12 educators, child care workers and K-12 school staff in Massachusetts. Due to a severely constrained federal supply and the existing population that is currently eligible for vaccines, it is estimated that it will take a month for all eligible individuals to secure a first appointment. This timeframe is only subject to change if federal supply increases dramatically, including the recently authorized Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

More information can be found here::

<https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-k-12-educators-child-care-workers-and-k-12-school-staff>

Hopkinton Public Schools:

The Hopkinton Public Schools will be making decisions about full-time reopening, with remote learning models remaining intact. On Thursday evening, March 4, at 7:00PM, the School Committee is hosting a public forum via Zoom. On Sunday, March 7, at 12:30PM, the School Committee will present a televised working session on the topic of reopening. Families in Hopkinton are encouraged to tune into these important events.

Reopening Massachusetts:

Last week (2/25/21), the Baker-Polito Administration announced that Massachusetts would advance to Step 2 of Phase III of the state's reopening plan as of Monday, March 1, and also announced its plan to transition to Step 1 of Phase IV on Monday, March 22.

Residents must continue to wear masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and are encouraged to avoid contact outside of their immediate households. [The Travel Advisory and other public health orders remain in effect.](#)

For more information on the Commonwealth's reopening plan:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>

Future Vaccine Distribution:

Two weeks ago (2/18/21), Local Boards of Health were informed of the Commonwealth's streamlined vaccination distribution plan that prioritizes equity and high-capacity throughput vaccination, particularly as vaccine supply from the federal government remains extremely constrained.

This streamlined distribution plan will increase vaccine access at high throughput vaccination locations such as mass vaccination sites or regional sites and at pharmacy sites. In addition to increasing efficiency in administering the vaccine, the Commonwealth will ensure that the program is equitable and meets the needs of communities that have been the most disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

For these reasons, Hopkinton is encouraging residents to utilize the <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov> portal to find vaccination sites and make appointments. We currently have no indication Hopkinton will receive another (new) batch of vaccines for a local clinic. [**If you were vaccinated recently at the Hopkinton Senior Center, and already have an appointment for your second vaccination - that second appointment is valid!](#)

A reminder that vaccine supply remains very limited. Massachusetts is currently vaccinating:

- [People in Phase 1](#)
- [People with 2+ certain medical conditions](#)
- [Low income and affordable senior housing residents & staff](#)
- People age 65+

You can use this site to confirm your eligibility: <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine>

How can Hopkinton Youth & Family Services support you during these times?

Is there a resource you seek? Wishing you had someone to listen? Struggling with a problem that could use professional support? Send us your questions here: <https://forms.gle/PiX8Vxow4r7AQtpPA>. You can remain anonymous and we will answer your question on one of the next covid update pages. Or you can share with us your contact information and we will reach out to you to provide direct assistance. Or you can always call us at 508- 497-9781. Be sure to leave a message and we will return your call.

NEW QUESTION:

Where can I get more information about domestic violence?

If it is safe for you to do so, there are a number of resources you can call for support. If someone is checking your phone or online history it may be safer to go to a public library to view these resources or use an incognito/private browsing feature on your search engine. You can also go to the police department and meet privately with an officer about your protective and legal options. If you would like to make a private phone call to

one or more of the listed programs, HYFS can schedule a time for you to make these calls from our office. If you need further assistance with finding resources for you or your family, contact us. We are here to help.

These resources from [Y&FS Resource Sheet for COVID19](#)

- **Child-at-Risk Hotline** at (800) 792-5200 to report child abuse or neglect
- **Elder Abuse** reports can be filed 24 hours a day at (800) 922-2275. Elder abuse includes: physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, caretaker neglect, financial exploitation and self-neglect of someone age 60 or older.
- **Disabled Persons** Protection Commission at (800) 426-9009. (For those under age 60)
- **Voices Against Violence** 24 Hour HOTLINES for domestic violence/sexual assault: 1-800-593-1125 or 508-626-8686 (TTY-friendly)
<https://www.smoc.org/voices-against-violence.php>
www.facebook.com/voicesMA
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline** at 1-800-799-7233 or TTY 1-800-787-3224.
<https://www.thehotline.org/help>
- **Jane Doe SafeLink Statewide Hotline:** 1-877-785-2020 <https://janedoe.org> SafeLink (domestic violence and sexual assault resources) is available through 211 and also the SafeLink toll-free number (877) 785-2020. For the hearing-impaired, the SafeLink TTY number is (877) 521-2601. Advocates are available in English and Spanish and can provide translation in more than 130 languages. If you are experiencing violence within your home or concerned about a loved one that may be experiencing violence, please call the SafeLink hotline for support and resources. If you are in *immediate danger, please call 9-1-1*.

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 and many transactions can be completed online. 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.

The Hopkinton Public Library building is open for walk-in browsing and curbside pickup. Please see the library website, www.hopkintonlibrary.org, for information.

Please remember to practice social distancing, wear a face covering, wash your hands often, and be safe.

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>