



TOWN OF HOPKINTON
18 Main Street
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COVID-19 Updates & Precautions **May 14, 2021 update**

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

As of 5/13/21, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 1,059 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 14 of those cases are active, with 1,028 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-may-13-2021/download>

A reminder that many data points previously included in this report, can now be found on the Massachusetts interactive dashboard: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting>

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-may-13-2021/download>

Massachusetts Reopening Plan - NEW UPDATE

Effective Monday, May 10th: The Commonwealth reopened certain outdoor Phase 4 industries.

- Amusement parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks will be permitted to operate at a 50% capacity after submitting safety plans to the Department of Public Health.
- Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts and other appropriate safety measures after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.

Additionally, large capacity venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open at 12% capacity as part of Phase 4, Step 1 will be permitted to increase capacity to 25%. Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high-risk sports. Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other business. Grocery stores and retail stores with a pharmacy department should consider dedicated hours of operation for seniors, but will no longer be required to offer senior hours.

More information on Massachusetts Reopening here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>

Children Aged 12+ Now Eligible For Vaccine - NEW UPDATE

Children aged 12 and older are now eligible to receive the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. The MetroWest-Westborough Regional Vaccination Site at the DoubleTree Hotel has Pfizer appointments available for the following dates:

- Monday, May 17th from 3:30-5:30pm
- Wednesday, May 19th from 2:30-5:30pm
- Thursday, May 20th from 2:30-5:30pm
- Friday, May 21st from 2:30-5:30pm

Appointments are required and open to anyone 12 years of age and older. In order to register a minor, a parent/guardian must complete the online Consent Form. To register for an appointment at the Regional Clinic at the DoubleTree Hotel in Westborough visit: <https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/northborough>.

Please note that only one parent/guardian is allowed in the vaccination room to allow for social distancing.

Recent Approval for Individuals 12-15 years of age: Yesterday, the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC's) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended an expanded indication of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 12-15 years of age. This recommendation is in line with the FDA's action on Monday, May 10 to amend the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for this vaccine to include this younger age group..Effective immediately providers in Massachusetts may begin to administer the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to individuals age 12 and older.

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-emergency-use>

Mass Vaccination Sites Open for Walk Ups - NEW UPDATE

As of Monday, May 10th, six of the Commonwealth's mass vaccination sites are open for walk up vaccination. These sites include the Hynes Convention Center, the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury, the Double Tree in Danvers, the former Circuit City in Dartmouth, the Eastfield Mall in Springfield and the Natick Mall.

Residents may still go to VaxFinder to find a location near them and plan their vaccination. Residents will be able to use each site's VaxFinder listing to either book appointments or view more details about walk-up appointments. VaxFinder also lists important information like each site's accessibility options, MBTA Trip Planner and more. Over 500 locations have open availability on VaxFinder.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-new-walk-up-options-at-mass-vaccination-sites-provides-weekly-dose-update>

When You've Been Fully Vaccinated - NEW UPDATE

On Thursday May 13, the CDC released updated guidance on face coverings. According to the CDC, Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Currently, the Massachusetts COVID-19 Mask Order Remains In Place.

Governor Baker issued a revised [Order](#) effective April 30, 2021 requiring people to wear masks or face-coverings in indoor public places and outdoors when they are unable to maintain 6 feet from other people.

- Face coverings are still required at all times in indoor public places.
- Face coverings also continue to be required at all times at events, whether held indoors or outdoors and whether held in a public space or private home, except for when eating or drinking.
- At smaller gatherings in private homes, face coverings are recommended but not required.

In general, people are considered fully vaccinated: ±

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

[More info here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html)

Massachusetts Covid-19 Vaccine:

As of Monday, April 19th, all individuals aged 16+ are eligible to receive a Covid-19 Vaccine in Massachusetts.

There are different ways to find a vaccine appointment:

- Preregister at [VaccineSignUp.mass.gov](https://vaccine-signup.mass.gov) to be notified when it's your turn to schedule an appointment at a mass vaccination or regional collaborative location
- Use [VaxFinder.mass.gov](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov) to search for appointments at pharmacies, health care providers, and other community locations

Dial A Ride is now available for Hopkinton Senior Residents:

The MWRTA now offers Dial A Ride to residents of Hopkinton aged 65 years and older, or under 65 years of age with a disability. This service is Monday through Friday. Some qualification restrictions may apply. For more information, please call the MWRTA Call Center at 508-820- 4650. If you are interested in this program, please call Outreach at the Hopkinton Senior Center to fill out an application 508-497-9730.

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>