TOWN OF HOPKINTON
18 Main Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

COVID-19 Updates & Precautions
January 7, 2021 update

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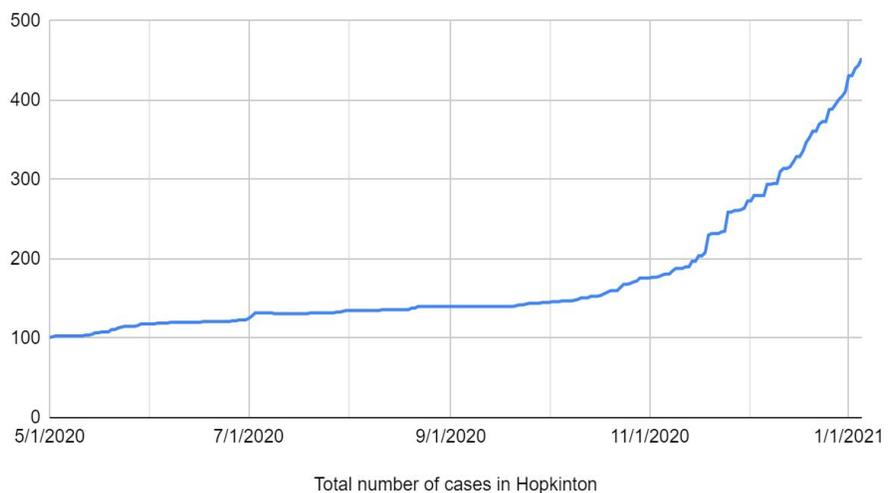**https://coronavirus-hopkintonma.hub.arcgis.com/**

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 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.

As of 1/5/21, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 453 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 60 of those cases are active, with 376 recoveries and 17 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard which is updated frequently.

Hopkinton has continued to experience an uptick in cases over the past few weeks. Unfortunately, this is a similar trend across Massachusetts, the Northeast, and in general across the United States. Cases are rising at a faster and faster rate.

It took Hopkinton 199 days to go from 100 - 200 cases; 25 days to go from 200 - 300 cases, 18 days to go from 300 to 400 cases, and we are currently on track to go from 400 to 500 cases in only 14 days.

Total number of Covid-19 cases in Hopkinton

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

Martin Luther King Day - NEW UPDATE
In observance of the Holiday, Hopkinton Town Hall and municipal offices will be closed on Monday January 18th.

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-january-7-2021/download **

**Data previously found in this report, including town-by-town cases and testing reporting, can now be found in the daily interactive dashboard. See below for more information.

New Massachusetts Interactive Data Dashboard - NEW UPDATE
The Massachusetts COVID-19 Daily Dashboard is now available in a more interactive format. All of the same data previously provided is still available, including: data on confirmed and probable cases, testing, hospitalizations, hospital capacity and deaths. Some information previously shown in the weekly dashboard is also included: age groups, race and ethnicity, and sex of cases, hospitalizations and deaths; and city/town specific metrics. You can learn more here: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting or go directly to the dashboard here.

Hopkinton Emergency Notification System; Code Red - NEW UPDATE
Hopkinton's Emergency Notification System Partner is Onsolve Code Red.The CodeRED system provides Hopkinton officials the ability to deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire town quickly. Register your phone, txt, and/or email information (and download the mobile app if you want the ability to receive alerts from other communities based on your location while you are traveling) and never miss an alert. You can find more information here, or go directly to the sign up page here.

Staying connected - NEW UPDATE
Hopkinton does not currently utilize Code Red for recurring or general town notices; Code Red is used specifically for Emergency or high urgency notifications.

For more frequent updates on all things Hopkinton, you can sign up for our email listservs (google group) by visiting this links:
Click here to join HopNotices - for general government updates
Click here to join AllAgendasWeb - for copies of public meeting agendas

Hopkinton loves Twitter and this is one of the best ways to keep in touch with us and stay updated on the very latest happenings around town! We would love it if you would follow us, but even if you don't have a Twitter account, all of our tweets are publicly available here: twitter.com/HopkintonMA

Library Services Returning to Remote/Curbside-Only on Friday January 8 - NEW UPDATE
Due to the spike in COVID-19 cases in Hopkinton and regionally, the library building will be closed to the public as of 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 7. Library services will be available on a remote/curbside-only basis as of Friday, January 8. The library building will remain closed to the public until at least Friday, January 22.

The library's curbside/remote service hours will continue to be:
10 am-4:30 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
10 am-7 pm Tuesdays, Thursdays

Library staff will be available to assist you by phone, e-mail, and online chat during these hours.

Please schedule curbside pickup times in advance by calling the library at 508-497-9777 or using the "Schedule Curbside Pickup" link under the "eServices" menu on the right-hand side of the library website, www.hopkintonlibrary.org.

If you want to check out library materials but do not have specific titles in mind, we encourage you to use our "Quick Picks" service. Links to the "quick picks" forms are under the "eServices" menu on the right-hand side of the library website, www.hopkintonlibrary.org.

2021 Boston Marathon:
Per the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) - The 2021 Boston Marathon will not be held in April and will be postponed until at least the fall of 2021. Due to the surge in COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts, the B.A.A. will not be able to confirm a fall Boston Marathon date until early 2021. The B.A.A. will continue to meet with its COVID-19 Medical & Event Operations Advisory Group and work with city and state officials, sponsors, organizing committee members, and other stakeholders in preparation for a safe return to in-person racing in the fall. More information can be found on the BAA's website here.

Temporary capacity and gathering limits announced Tue 12/22:
Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on December 26, 2020, Massachusetts implemented temporary capacity limits to stop the spread of COVID-19 as cases and hospitalizations continue to rise. Click here for more information.

Covid-19 Vaccine in Massachusetts:
Massachusetts is preparing for the safe, equitable, and effective delivery of an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine. Click here to learn about the approach and when you can expect to get vaccinated.

Vaccine plan: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccine-information
Vaccine FAQs: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions

Statewide Rollback to Phase 3, Step 1, Additional Restrictions Effective 12/13/2020:
Effective December 13, all communities will roll back to Phase 3, Step 1 of Massachusetts' re-opening plan, including the following restrictions:
- Outdoor gatherings at event venues will be limited to no more than 50 people
- Hosts of outdoor gatherings of greater than 25 people will be required to provide advance notice of the gathering their local board of health
- Indoor theaters and performance venues and higher contact indoor recreation businesses will be required to close to the public
- Outdoor theaters and performance venues will be limited to 25% capacity, and no more than 50 people

You can read the full Press Release from Mass.gov by clicking here

Click here to read the full order rolling Massachusetts back to Phase III, Step 1.

New Testing Infrastructure to Increase Testing Capacity & Efficiency Statewide:
Visit www.mass.gov/gettested for more information and to find a testing site near you. To learn more about the recently expanded testing sites and capabilities in Massachusetts, click here.

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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