



**TOWN OF HOPKINTON**  
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Hopkinton, MA 01748

## **COVID-19 Updates & Precautions** **December 17, 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 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 12/16/20, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 329 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 30 of those cases are active, with 284 recoveries and 15 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. Please remember to practice social distancing, wear a face covering, wash your hands often, and be safe.

### **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-december-17-2020/download>

### **Holidays - NEW UPDATE**

Hopkinton Town Hall and Municipal Buildings will be closed on Fridays, December 25 and January 1.

### **Library Hours 12/24 and 12/31 - NEW UPDATE**

On Thursdays, December 24 and 31, the library will be open for quick browsing from 10-12:30. Afternoon browsing hours will not be available on those days. The library will be closed on Fridays, December 25 and January 1.

### **Covid-19 Vaccine in Massachusetts - includes new links**

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](http://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](#).

**State Aligns Quarantine Recommendations with the CDC:**

The Department of Public Health (DPH) has revised State quarantine recommendations for anyone identified as a COVID-19 "close contact" to align with those issued by the [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC). The new recommendations give options for 7-day, 10-day, and 14-day quarantine periods and went into effect on Monday, December 7. **Specific criteria must be met in order to shorten quarantine** and if you are a close contact you may be advised by the Hopkinton Health Department which quarantine period applies to your situation.

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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>