



**TOWN OF HOPKINTON**  
**18 Main Street**  
**Hopkinton, MA 01748**

## **COVID-19 Updates & Precautions**

### **May 18, 2020 update**

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

While Town Hall and municipal buildings are physically closed to the public, we 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. Parks, Playgrounds and Playing Fields are closed.

As of 9:00 a.m. on 5/18/20, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 107 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 9 of those cases are active, with 85 recoveries and 13 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on [Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard](#):

#### **Reopening Massachusetts - NEW UPDATE**

Governor Baker's [Reopening Advisory Board](#) released a significant amount of new information and guidance earlier today. Some additional businesses are allowed to open [during phase 1](#), although specific standards must be met by these businesses prior to being allowed to reopen. Information on those specific standards can be found at the top of page two of this document.

- [Places of Worship](#): permitted to reopen on May 18, 2020
- [Construction](#): permitted to reopen on May 18, 2020
- [Manufacturing](#): permitted to reopen on May 18, 2020
- [Offices spaces](#): permitted to reopen on May 25, 2020 (Boston: June 1, 2020)
- [Laboratories](#): permitted to reopen on May 25, 2020
- [Hair salons and barbershops](#): permitted to reopen on May 25, 2020
- [Car washes](#): permitted to reopen on May 25, 2020
- [Pet grooming](#): permitted to reopen on May 25, 2020

When can my business reopen?

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-when-can-my-business-reopen>

Businesses operating to provide Essential Services, as defined in the Governor's March 23, 2020 Executive Order, updated on March 31, April 28 and May 15, may remain open and have until May 25, 2020 to comply with these [mandatory safety standards](#). All businesses must meet these standards before reopening:

- [COVID-19 control plan template](#) – Template that satisfies the written control plan requirement for self-certification
- [Compliance attestation poster](#) – Poster that customer facing businesses are required to print, sign, and post in an area within the business premises that is visible to workers and visitors
- [Employer and Worker posters](#) – Posters that businesses can print and display within the business premises to describe the rules for maintaining social distancing, hygiene protocols, and cleaning and disinfecting.

Newly updated details regarding the Four Phased Reopening can be found here:  
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-four-phase-approach>

Read the full Reopening Report here:  
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/reopening-massachusetts-may-18-2020/download>

The entirety of information released can be viewed here:  
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>

#### **Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome (PMIS) - NEW UPDATE**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is advising health providers about a serious inflammatory disease in children that may be linked to COVID-19. Nine suspected cases of Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome (PMIS) have been reported in Massachusetts hospitals. Health officials have issued guidance on what to look for to report and confirm possible cases.

<http://www.massmed.org/Patient-Care/COVID-19/Mandatory-Reporting-of-Pediatric-Multisystem-Inflammatory-Syndrome/>

#### **Youth Programs and Camps - NEW UPDATE**

The CDC has released a [Camp Decision Tree](#) to help assist directors or administrators in making (re)opening decisions regarding youth programs and camps during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to note this is a guideline per CDC, and is to be used in addition to any orders issued at the State or local level.

#### **Hopkinton Public Schools - NEW UPDATE**

District and building leaders are beginning the complex process of determining what brick and mortar schooling might look like (assuming it's permitted at all) next fall. Health and government officials will determine whether or not we re-enter the schools; district and building administration will make decisions about schedules, physical plant structures, transportation, food service, and more. There is much work to do, but please know we are in the early stages of research and planning.

#### **Hopkinton Public Library Collecting Reflections on Pandemic Experiences -**

The library is seeking to collect information about the experiences of individuals and families in our immediate community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although a wide variety of data about the pandemic will ultimately be recorded, personal stories from people who are living through the situation today will be important to give citizens in the future a sense of what day-to-day life was like during this historic time.

Please help us by filling out a quick survey at <http://ow.ly/3mUU50zE4vy>. All questions are optional. Responses will be recorded for posterity and made available in a local history collection we are creating about the pandemic.

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You can find many resources and more information at <https://coronavirus-hopkintonma.hub.arcgis.com/>

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>