

## 18 Main Street Hopkinton, MA 01748

# COVID-19 Updates & Precautions April 16, 2021 update

### Previous updates and additional information and resources can be found here:

https://coronavirus-hopkintonma.hub.arcgis.com/

As of 4/15/21, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 964 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 41 of those cases are active, with 906 recoveries and 17 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on <a href="Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard">Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard</a> which is updated frequently.

The Town of Hopkinton and MetroWest region is experiencing a surge in cases in the 0 - 20 year old population. Please continue to utilize the basic mitigation strategies (face coverings, distancing, improved hygiene).

#### Patriot's Day - REMINDER

Hopkinton Town Hall and Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday April 19th in observance of Patriot's Day.

#### 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-april-15-2021/download

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

#### 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-april-15-2021/download

#### Regional Vaccine Clinic - REMINDER

The Hopkinton Health Department is part of the Metrowest-Westborough regional collaborative and will be offering COVID-19 Vaccine appointments at the DoubleTree located at 5400 Computer Drive in Westborough, MA. The dates and times of the clinic will vary. You can check availability by monitoring this link. Appointments will be added on a rolling basis. You must be a Hopkinton resident and eligible to receive a vaccine in Massachusetts to book an appointment using this link.

#### This is the private link for Hopkinton:

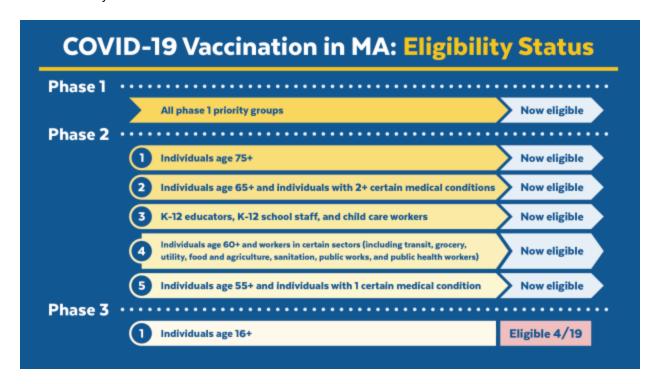
https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/northborough?calendar=061d181b-7b58-417b-8874-c8fa990050ea

#### Massachusetts Covid-19 Vaccine - REMINDER

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 <u>VaccineSignUp.mass.gov</u> to be notified when it's your turn to schedule an appointment at a mass vaccination or regional collaborative location
- Use <u>VaxFinder.mass.gov</u> to search for appointments at pharmacies, health care providers, and other community locations



#### Mass.gov Vaccine Helper Chat:

Mass.gov has introduced a Vaccine Chat, virtual assistant, to help answer vaccine questions. It can help you learn more about:

- Vaccine safety
- Vaccine eligibility
- Vaccination appointments
- And more!

Simply visit <u>mass.gov/COVIDvaccine</u> and you'll see the chat window pop-up in the lower right corner.



#### Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine:

On Tuesday, March 13th, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a statement regarding the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recommending a pause in its use out of an abundance of caution. The Department of Public Health is notifying all Massachusetts providers to pause administration of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, effective immediately. More information here:

https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/joint-cdc-and-fda-statement-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine

#### **Transportation Grant Announcement:**

The Hopkinton Senior Center has been awarded a generous grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council in partnership with MassDevelopment to provide much needed transportation assistance for medical appointments and essential shopping needs such as prescription pick ups and grocery shopping utilizing taxi companies.

If you are a Hopkinton resident 60 years of age and older, a veteran or individual homebound due to a disability, please call the Outreach Department at the Hopkinton Senior Center at least 3 business days in advance of your appointment at 508-497-9730 ext.1615 for assistance in scheduling a ride Monday through Friday between the hours of 9-3.

Strict safety guidelines are followed for sanitizing cabs, and mask wearing is required by both driver and passenger. This program will operate as funding permits. Rides are limited to twice a week.

\*\*If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 per CDC guidelines, have tested positive for COVID-19 or are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test, we are unable to provide transportation through this program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Senior Center.

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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: <u>click here for more information</u>. 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 <u>found here</u>. 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, <a href="https://www.hopkintonlibrary.org">www.hopkintonlibrary.org</a>, for information.

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

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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: <a href="https://twitter.com/HopkintonMA">https://twitter.com/HopkintonMA</a>

Complete list of Emergency Orders and Guidance from Mass.gov https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency