TOWN OF HOPKINTON
18 Main Street
Hopkinton, MA 01748

COVID-19 Updates & Precautions
Aug 20, 2021 update

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

As of 8/17/21, Hopkinton's Health Department is reporting 1,123 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 20 of those cases are active, with 1,086 recoveries and 17 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on Hopkinton's Community Impact Dashboard.

Covid Prevention & Treatment
Many of the things you do to help prevent colds and the flu can help protect you against other respiratory viruses, including COVID-19:
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean things that are frequently touched (like doorknobs and countertops) with household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Use a tissue or your inner elbow, not your hands.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with others.
- Get vaccinated.

Even if you do not have symptoms, stay home as much as you can and practice social distancing if you must go out. That's because you can be sick with COVID-19 and spread the illness to others as much as 48 hours before you have symptoms.

See more info from Mass.gov here: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-prevention-and-treatment

Delta variant info - NEW UPDATE
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/variant-info.html - updated Aug 17, 2021

Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People - NEW UPDATE
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html - updated July 27, 2021

Town of Hopkinton Covid-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program - NEW UPDATE
The Town of Hopkinton has released instructions & a fillable application form for the Covid-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program. Click here for more information.

Hopkinton Public Library Reopening Info - NEW UPDATE
As part of our reopening, our study rooms are now available for limited use. Please contact the Reference desk at 508-497-9777 ext. 2 or via chat at https://bit.ly/HPLchat to speak to a reference librarian for use information. Reserve your study room at https://www.picktime.com/hplib/services.

Public internet computers are available in the lower level for adults. Computers in the Teen and Children's department are not yet available. Computer sessions are limited to 1 hour. Please see a Reference Librarian for more important information.

Masks Still Required in the Library:
Our goal is to be a welcoming place for our community where all can visit. Because many of our visitors are under the age of 12 and cannot yet be vaccinated, we must continue to take extra safety precautions. **Out of respect for the many children who use the library, especially during the summer, the library will continue to require face coverings for all visitors and staff at least through summer 2021.** The Library Trustees and Director, in consultation with the Hopkinton Health Department, have made this decision to ensure that we are continuing to protect all of our patrons and staff. We will re-evaluate this requirement in August. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping our whole community safe.

Vaccine info - where & how - REMINDER
https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine
Find a location using https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/

Testing - where & how - REMINDER
https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing
https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test

State of Emergency is lifted as of June 15, 2021
On May 28th, Governor Baker announced the State of Emergency would be lifted as of June 15. More info here:
https://www.mass.gov/news/governor-baker-issues-order-rescinding-covid-19-restrictions-on-may-29-and-terminating-state-of-emergency-effective-june-15

****

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