COVID-19 Updates & Precautions
June 5, 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.

As of 6/5/20, Hopkinton’s Health Department is reporting 119 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 6 of those cases are active, with 100 recoveries and 13 deaths. You can see historical tracking and updates on Hopkinton’s Community Impact Dashboard:

Hopkinton Temporary Outdoor Dining Rules and Regulations - NEW UPDATE
Anticipating the reopening of restaurants for customer seating outdoors, the Select Board adopted Temporary Outdoor Dining Rules and Regulations at its meeting on June 2. Restaurants must comply with the State’s COVID-19 requirements, and the Town will expedite and streamline its associated review process. Click here for the application

Parks & Recreation Summer Programming - NEW UPDATE
Click here to read a letter from Hopkinton Parks & Recreation.

DPW Recycling Center Reopens:
As of Saturday June 6th - The DPW will reopen the Recycling Center on Wood Street for weekly operations on Saturdays from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Please observe the following:
1. Only 3 vehicles in the Center at a time,
2. Wait in your vehicle until your turn,
3. Face coverings are required,
4. Social Distancing of 6’ is required.

Annual Town Election rescheduled to be held on June 29, 2020:
Click here for more info
Click here for Vote by Mail FAQ’s

Water Department:
For any business or buildings that will be opening under the phase 2 and 3 rules, please see the DEP recommendations for flushing water lines that have been sitting stagnant.
https://mass.gov/doc/massdep-building-flushing-information/download
Town athletic fields are now open under the following guidelines:

- Users should sanitize hands before and after play, not share equipment, and clean and wipe down equipment.
- When engaged in play, users should avoid touching other users’ equipment in separate areas.
- Users waiting to utilize a section or area of the field should wait outside the field of play until previous users have vacated the facility to ensure proper social distancing and prevent accidental contact of other users’ equipment.
- Users should not engage in pick-up games, organized games, or tournaments.
- Families living in the same residence may engage in field and park activities such as catch, frisbee, picnics without face coverings and the use of social distancing if they can do so without engaging persons outside of their immediate family.

These fields include: Fruit St. athletic fields, Carrigan & EMC baseball fields, Daniel Shays, Emerald Hills, Pyne Field, and Reed Park. The public restrooms at Fruit St. are closed.

Playgrounds remain closed until further notice.

The school fields are to stay closed for the remainder of the school year. School fields will reopen, with limitations, after the last day of school, June 17, 2020.

Reopening Massachusetts:
Governor Baker’s Reopening Advisory Board released a significant amount of new information and guidance on Monday May 18, 2020. 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. We expect to learn more about phase 2 timing over the course of the next few days.

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. In addition to the 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.

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

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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  