

Town of Southwick Board of Health and Select Board COVID-19 Update for January 22, 2021

As of the most recent weekly public health report, there have been 365 positive cases of COVID-19 in the Town of Southwick. The Southwick Board of Health would like to stress that this is not a complete profile of the status of COVID-19 in the Town of Southwick. This number reflects those individuals who have received positive test results and *not* those awaiting results, untested symptomatic individuals, and those who might currently be asymptomatic. Additional information on case numbers can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting>.

The Baker Administration announced this week that the Governor's COVID-19 Order # 59 that went into effect on Saturday, December 26th and was expected to end on January 24th, will be continued until **5:00 AM on Monday February 8th**. As a reminder, this order reduces the allowable occupancy from the previous capacity level of 40% to **25%** in multiple sectors.

Additionally the Baker Administration has rescinded the Stay at Home Advisory and the following changes have been made:

1. Effective Monday, January 25th at 5:00am, the Stay at Home Advisory for the hours of 10pm – 5am is rescinded.
2. Effective Monday, January 25th at 5:00am, the Mandatory Early Closure of Businesses Order requiring certain businesses to close by 9:30pm will be rescinded. On Monday, January 25th at 5:00am, the following businesses and activities listed below may operate past 9:30pm:
 - Restaurants
 - Indoor and Outdoor Events
 - Movie Theaters and Outdoor Performance Venues
 - Drive-In Movie Theaters
 - Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities
 - Golf Facilities
 - Recreational Boating and Boating Businesses (e.g. charter boats)
 - Outdoor Recreational Experiences
 - Close Contact Personal Services (e.g. hair and nail salons)
 - Museums/Cultural & Historical Facilities/Guided Tours
 - Gyms/Fitness Centers and Health Clubs
 - Indoor and Outdoor Pools
3. Gatherings may go beyond 9:30pm
4. Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol may sell alcohol past 9:30pm; adult use cannabis retailers may also sell cannabis after 9:30pm

All visitors and returning residents entering Massachusetts must follow the [travel orders](#). All travelers are instructed to complete the [Massachusetts Travel Form](#) prior to arrival and to self-quarantine for 10 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival in Massachusetts, except travelers from Hawaii. All persons are instructed not to travel to Massachusetts if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

Individuals who are COVID-19-recovered, meaning individuals who tested positive more than 10 days but less than 90 days ago and who do not have symptoms, do not need to obtain a negative PCR test prior to traveling to,

or quarantine upon arrival to, Massachusetts. COVID-19 recovered individuals arriving in Massachusetts must have documentation of the positive PCR test result, including the date it was taken, available if asked. This exception does not include COVID-19-recovered individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19, who must follow all testing and quarantine guidance outlined in the travel rules. For more information, including the most current list of lower-risk states, exemptions, business guidance and other details, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>.

The Town Hall north side lobby will reopen to the public for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, and Assessors services. All other offices are available by phone, on-line, and by appointment. Due to the nature of our operations during the pandemic, please call these other offices before visiting Town Hall. All efforts have been made to ensure that customers and staff are kept safe. The Town of Southwick asks all visitors entering the building to abide by all posted signage.

Due to the continued rise in cases of COVID-19 in Massachusetts, residents are urged to continue to follow all public health precautions for reducing the spread of COVID-19: stay home unless absolutely necessary; if you must go out in public, practicing social distancing and proper hygiene etiquette; wear face coverings when inside retail stores and when social distancing cannot be maintained; and if you are experiencing signs of illness - fever, cough, shortness of breath – call your primary care provider for advice.

The Southwick Board of Health and Select Board continue to post case numbers and updated information regarding COVID-19 every week at southwickma.org. For additional up-to-date information please visit mass.gov/2019coronavirus and cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov. For non-emergency information and assistance, please call 2-1-1 or visit mass211.org.