

Town of Southwick Board of Health and Select Board COVID-19 Update for July 9, 2020

As of Thursday, July 9, 2020, there have been 61 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-cases-quarantine-and-monitoring>.

On Monday, July 13, the Southwick Public Library will begin offering browsing and computer use by appointment. To make an appointment, please call (413) 569-1221. The Library is also continuing to offer curbside pickup. To order, please call the Library at (413) 569-1221 or fill out a Google form on their website (www.southwickma.org/southwick-public-library) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Southwick-Public-Library-353414831610/). The Library's summer hours begin on July 13 and are as follows: Monday and Tuesday 10-8, Wednesday 1-8, and Thursday and Friday 10-5.

The Town Hall north side lobby is now open to the public for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, and Assessors services. All other offices are available by phone, on-line, and by appointment. 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.

On Monday, July 6, Phase III of the Commonwealth's four-phase reopening process began. Some of the businesses that will be allowed to reopen in this phase include fitness centers, museums, and casinos. For more information on which businesses are allowed to open, as well as sector-specific safety guidance, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-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 Friday 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.