

Town of Southwick Board of Health and Select Board COVID-19 Update for June 12, 2020

As of Friday, June 12, 2020, there have been 54 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>.

In preparation for allowing restaurants to provide outdoor dining service during Phase II of the State's Reopening Plan, all currently licensed restaurants that plan to serve liquor under an expanded outdoor seating plan must contact the Southwick Select Board to obtain special permitting and schedule inspections. Workplace safety standards and checklists for restaurants can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-restaurants>. Information on additional sector-specific protocols can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/resource/reopening-sector-specific-protocols-and-best-practices>.

On Tuesday, June 16, 2020, a Special Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting will be taking place at the Southwick Regional School, 93 Feeding Hills Road, in the East Parking Lot. The Special Town Meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m., with the Annual Town Meeting following at 6:15 p.m. The following public health protocols will be in place during the meetings: all attendees not of the same household are required to maintain a 6 foot distance from others; all attendees are required to wear a mask unless exempted by their primary care physician; once meeting is adjourned, please exit in an orderly fashion maintaining 6-feet distancing; and any voter with a positive test for COVID-19, having a fever, shortness of breath or otherwise having symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend these meetings. If in doubt, please stay home.

The Southwick Town Hall - while still closed to the public - continues to provide services over the phone, online, and curbside by appointment.

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.