

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

As of Friday, June 19, 2020, there have been 56 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, June 22, the Town Hall north side lobby will be open to the public and available for Town Clerk, Treasurers, Collectors, and Assessors services. The transactions that take place in the previously mentioned departments represent most of the visits to Town Hall and will allow the Town to evaluate the safety of staff and customers for planning future openings of other parts of the building. In the interim, 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.

Governor Baker has announced that Step Two of Phase II of the Commonwealth's four-phase reopening process will begin on Monday, June 22. With this new step in the reopening process, indoor dining and close contact personal services, such as nail salons, massage therapy, and tanning parlors, will be allowed to open. For more information on the reopening process, 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.