



April 23, 2020

### Important Dates:

- Annual Town Election: **May 19<sup>th</sup>**.
- Spring Annual Town Meeting: **June 12**.

### Helpful Links:

- [Uxbridge Board of Health](#)
- [Uxbridge Support Services](#)
- [Massachusetts DPH](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Info](#)

### The Week in Numbers

Reported COVID-19 cases in Uxbridge residents*	39
Number of meals provided to students by <a href="#">Uxbridge Public Schools</a>	3,066

\*This is the total number of cases reported in Uxbridge as of 12 PM on 4/23/20. Of the above cases, 15 are no longer in isolation.

# COVID-19 Weekly Update

## Status Update

**Absentee Voting:** While there will still be in-person voting on Election Day, May 19, it is **STRONGLY** recommended that all registered voters wishing to cast a ballot do so by Absentee Voting. For more information, click [here](#).

**Waive Late Fees and Penalties:** On April 22, the Board of Selectmen voted to waive late fees and interest on water and sewer bills due between March 10th and June 30th. Please note payments must be received before June 30th to qualify.

**Updates on Face Coverings/Masks:** On April 7, the Uxbridge Board of Health issued an [advisory](#) recommending that face coverings or masks be worn when outside of the home. Face coverings help reduce disease spread, protect you and essential workers, and ease the burden on healthcare facilities. Please note:

- It is especially important to wear a face covering in places where social distancing is difficult, such as [grocery stores](#), [pharmacies](#), or [other stores](#). Remember, face coverings do not replace social distancing. Stay six feet away!
- Tony Giunta, Manager of Hannaford Bros. Supermarket on face coverings: "We do what we can to protect our employees and customers. Sending our employees home if they feel ill and having them wear masks at work are two things we can do to minimize risk of coronavirus transmission. [We hope customers will wear masks to protect us and each other, because it's the right thing to do.](#) We are a big part of the Uxbridge community and most of our associates have grown up and live in town. This should be something families would support."
- Certain cities and towns in Massachusetts as well as all of Rhode Island now [require](#) all people to wear face coverings or masks in stores. Noncompliance may result in fines. Please be aware of the local ordinances in other towns.

For information about how to make face coverings at home, click [here](#). [By wearing a face covering, you are helping your community!](#) Thank you for doing your part.

**Extension of School Closures:** On Tuesday, Governor Baker announced that all Massachusetts public and private schools would be closed through the end of the school year. Additionally, non-emergency child care programs will remain closed through June 29, 2020. Read the news release [here](#). If you need assistance with meals for students, please visit our Support Services page [here](#).

**About this Publication:** The COVID-19 Weekly Update is produced by the Uxbridge Board of Health on behalf of the Town of Uxbridge to provide the town with relevant and timely updates about the COVID-19 situation and related news from the community. It is published every Thursday, and is accurate up to the time of publication.

Sign up for **CodeRED!**

**CodeRED** is a telephone and computer-based system that notifies residents and businesses of critical and emergency situations and provides timely information regarding actions that residents can take. [Click here](#) to sign up!

For real-time updates about the Massachusetts COVID-19 response, text **COVIDMA** to **888-777**

#### ~Notice~

The Senior Center will begin providing hot lunch to seniors and other at risk people in the following housing developments on **May 5**:

- Calumet Court
- Centennial Court
- Crown N Eagle
- Blanchard School Apartments
- Veterans Parkway

Lunches will be delivered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those who wish to receive a meal should call 508-278-8622 and leave a message.

#### Questions?

If you cannot find the answer online, call the Board of Health at:

**508-278-8600 ext. 8**

## Community Updates

**Getting Outside:** Fresh air and exercise are vital to staying healthy and coping with stress right now. Click [here](#) to see a list of open spaces for walking or recreation. In order to enjoy these spaces responsibly, please remember the following:

- **Keep your distance**– Staying 6 feet apart may require stepping off of the trail or waiting for others to pass. Be especially aware of your surroundings when in parking areas. Dogs should be leashed at all times, and waste should be picked up and taken with you. Wear your face covering!
- **Be flexible**– If the place you want to visit is crowded when you arrive, come back later or visit another place. Do not park illegally when parking lots are full.

For more tips on social distancing when you get outside, click [here](#). Happy hiking!



#### FDA Guidance on Groceries:

Worried about the virus on your groceries? The FDA has produced [updated guidance](#) regarding disinfecting groceries, **stating that there is no evidence of food packaging being associated with the transmission of COVID-19**. If you wish, product packaging can be wiped down and left to dry as an extra precaution. Still, the most important way to protect yourself is **to wash your hands thoroughly (for at least 20 seconds) when you return home**. For more information about how to protect yourself while running essential errands, click [here](#).

**Uxbridge HELPS:** Over the weekend, Uxbridge HELPS received its first two requests for essential supplies from residents of the town. On Tuesday, Diane Moriarty (*left*) of St. Mary Parish and Pastor Jamie Walton (*right*) of Cornerstone Church made the first two deliveries. They wore masks and left the deliveries on doorsteps in order to fulfill requests safely! To learn more about Uxbridge HELPS, how to request services, or how to get involved, click [here](#).



#### The Good News Corner



This week, **BJ's Wholesale Club and Distribution Center** organized and delivered a donation of food and essential products to the **Uxbridge Senior Center**. Two pallets of goods were donated and distributed to community members. Chief Marc Montminy of Uxbridge PD commented: "BJ's has proven itself a good corporate neighbor. I don't know what we would do without them. We would like to thank Steven Clinton, Stacey McDermott, and the others that made this happen. Uxbridge appreciates all you do for us."