

July 30th, 2020

#### **Important Dates:**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>:** National Friendship Day

August 9<sup>th</sup>: International Women's Day

For EEE Updates, sign up for CodeRED and other town alerts through E-Alerts.

#### The Week in Numbers:

Total reported COVID-19 cases in Uxbridge Residents	80
Number of inactive COVID- 19 cases in Uxbridge	79
Meals Provided by Food Pantry in June	141

#### **Questions?**

If you cannot find the answer online, contact the Board of Health at: 508-278-8600 ext. 8 boh@uxbridge-ma.gov

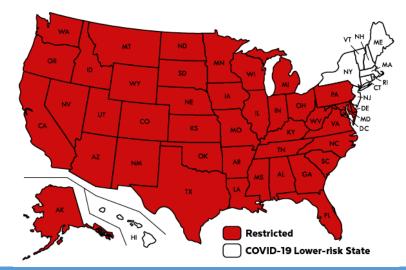
# **COVID-19 Weekly Update**

## **Status Update**

This week one new case was reported bringing the total COVID-19 positive case count to 80. For more detailed state reporting of cases, <u>click here</u>.

#### **Update on MA Travel Order**

Beginning on August 1st, a new travel order will take effect in Massachusetts. Residents, visitors and students returning to newly reopened campuses will be required to fill out a Massachusetts Travel Form (which can be found on the state's website <a href="here">here</a>) as well as guarantine for 14 days. If you are able to produce a negative test result that was given no more than 72 hours prior to your arrival in the state, you do not have to guarantine. Additionally, travelers from lower risk states are still exempt from the new travel restrictions, however, they are still encouraged to exercise caution and limit travel only to what is necessary. As a reminder. these "lower risk" states include Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Hawaii. The travel order also includes a few other limited exemptions, as well as guarantine instructions, which can be found here. Failure to comply with the new travel order will result in a \$500 a day fine. In addition to the new travel order, the state has announced its "Stop the Spread" initiative, which will provide more free testing sites to more cities across Massachusetts. This expansion will include Agawam, Brockton, Methuen, Randolph, Revere, Springfield, Taunton and Worcester. For more information on the travel order and available testing sites, text MATraveler to 888-777 or visit the state's website.



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#### **Our Neighbors**

The COVID-19 case count in Uxbridge has been excitingly low the past few weeks and the case rate in Worcester County has been flattening as well. If you want to see how Uxbridge compares to surrounding towns, click here to see the weekly case and testing information by city/town released each Wednesday by the Mass. Department of Public Health.

## **Helpful Links**

- <u>Uxbridge COVID-19</u>
  Webpage
- <u>Uxbridge Support</u> <u>Services</u>
- Massachusetts DPH
- CDC COVID-19 Info
- Report Workplace Violations
- Mosquito-Borne
  Diseases



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## Thank You and Farewell, Nancy!

Nancy Centrella, our beloved administrative assistant, left her post last week. Her professional and creative work with the Board of Health was unsurpassed. We miss her was and wish her the best as she moves on we.





#### **Massachusetts Bill on Face Covering**

A new mandatory <u>face covering bill</u> has been introduced in the Massachusetts State House by representatives Santiago and Domb. These new regulations would require all individuals to wear a mask correctly in all public indoor and outdoor settings. Individuals can remove their mask while seated in restaurants, provided that there is 6 ft. between people. Individuals may also remove their masks outdoors, again only if they are 6 ft. away from other people. Those with medical conditions, children under 2 years and people with disabilities preventing them from wearing a face mask would be exempt from this law. Those who violate the law would be fined. This bill would replace Governor Bakers emergency act that is currently in place. As of 7/27/2020, the bill was referred to the committee on House Rules.

## **Survey for Readers**

The Town of Uxbridge is updating its Open Space & Recreation Plan. Please take a brief <u>survey</u> to share your opinion on current parks and trails and let us know where you think the town should focus efforts and funding. Surveys must be completed by **August 15**, **2020**.

#### **Good News Corner!**



