

June 11th, 2020

Important Dates:

June 13th: National Sewing Machine Day! Time to get crafty ✂

June 17th: Town meeting

June 17th: The last day for food distribution by the Uxbridge Schools

June 21st: Fathers Day

Helpful Links:

- [Uxbridge COVID-19 Webpage](#)
- [Uxbridge Support Services](#)
- [Massachusetts DPH](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Info](#)

The Week in Numbers:

Total reported COVID-19 cases in Uxbridge Residents	73
Number of COVID 19 cases in Uxbridge out of isolation	67
Number of Meals provided to students by Uxbridge Public Schools	3,660
Number of Meals provided by the Senior Center	162

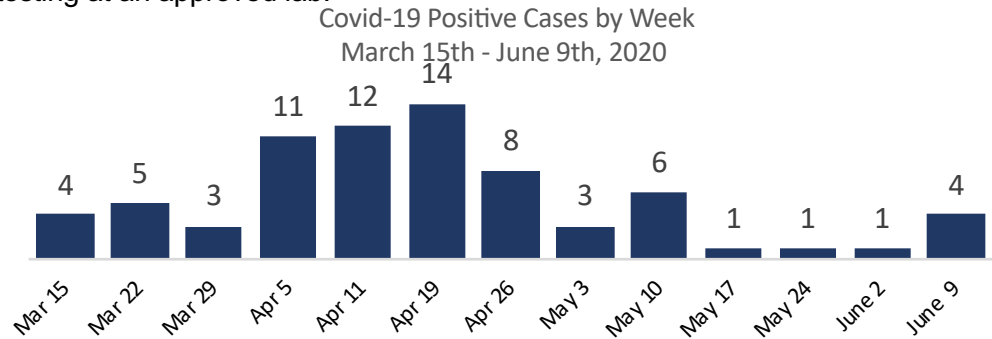
****The food pantry is looking for donations of laundry detergent****

COVID-19 Weekly Update

Status Update

COVID-19 in Uxbridge

The graphs below show trends of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Uxbridge. It is important to note that these are only cases that have been confirmed by PCR testing at an approved lab.



Looking for Feedback from Readers

The Board of Health is evaluating the future of this newsletter and is seeking feedback from readers. Let us know if you find this newsletter helpful or if you have recommendations for new content. Email feedback to boh@uxbridge-ma.gov

Updates on Town Meeting

The Uxbridge Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17 at the Valley Chapel on Hunter Road. More information will be posted on the [town's website](#). The Board of Selectmen voted to move forward with the meeting at Valley Chapel at their meeting on June 8 and are making accommodations to reduce health risks associated with COVID-19 including limiting the length of meeting to 90 minutes and spacing seating to maintain social distancing. On June 2, based on evidence that COVID is more easily spread in indoor spaces, the Board of Health recommended that the Town Meeting be held in an outdoor space unless a suitable indoor location is identified that addresses safety concern for all voters. [Click here](#) for CDC's guidance on mass gatherings and community events.

500 Million Wins

A [recent article](#) published in *Nature* conducted by researchers at the University of California at Berkeley reported that due to stay at home orders and other policies, the world was able to avoid 500 million cases of COVID 19. Globally, the study reported that 62 million cases were avoided due to shelter-in-place and similar policies. The success of these policies are dependent upon a worldwide effort to stay at home. Uxbridge is a small but significant part of that global effort, so keep up the great work!

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.

Uxbridge Helps

Are you in need of face masks, food assistance, pet care, or other services related to COVID19?

Uxbridge HELPS is a service connecting community organizations with those in needs. For more information and to request assistance, [click here](#).



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.



Questions?

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

Outdoor Dining: What to Expect

As outdoor dining begins to reopen in Uxbridge and across the state it's important to know the new rules and regulations that will be in place! Restaurants will be required to keep their tables six feet apart. Be aware that this may place you closer to other groups than anticipated as chairs etc. need to fit within the space. Groups will be limited to six people and all members of your group will have to provide and name and phone number for contact tracing purposes. The full description of regulations and what indoor dining will look like once it opens can be found here on the state's website.

What's Next in Phase 2?

A chart to which types of businesses are in which phases (1-4) of reopening can be found here on the [state's website](#). For those with children in Uxbridge Schools, keep an eye out for fall guidelines which will be released by the Department of Early and Secondary Education on their website! Summer camps and child care facilities will be opening soon with Phase 2. [Click here](#) to learn when a business can reopen.

Parks Are Back In Business!

All town-owned parks and open spaces are now open but remember that the Governor's Prohibition on Gatherings Over 10 and [Mask-covering Order](#) are still in place. River Bend Farm and West Hill Dam are open for business, but visitor centers and bathrooms are currently closed. West Hill has a portable restroom available. Bring your own drinking water and make sure to follow [these recommendations](#) for safely and responsibly using parks during COVID.



Good News Corner!

Last week about 100 individuals gathered on the Town Common in recognition of Black Lives Matter. They did so as safely as possible by wearing masks and, although this was difficult, maintaining an appropriate distance from those not from the same household. It is becoming clearer with emerging evidence that being outdoors reduces the chance of spreading the virus by diluting it in the open air. This event was coordinated by a former member of the Board of Health and her daughter, who set the stage for a peaceful and safe event. The Uxbridge Police contributed their presence and assistance also, safely masked and distanced from participants. Thanks to you all!