

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Important Dates:

June 29<sup>th</sup>: National  
Sunglasses Day!

July 4<sup>th</sup>: Independence Day

September: Back to [School](#)

#### Helpful Links:

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

#### The Week in Numbers:

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| Total reported COVID-19 cases in Uxbridge Residents   | 77 |
| Number of COVID 19 cases in Uxbridge out of isolation | 73 |



#### Questions?

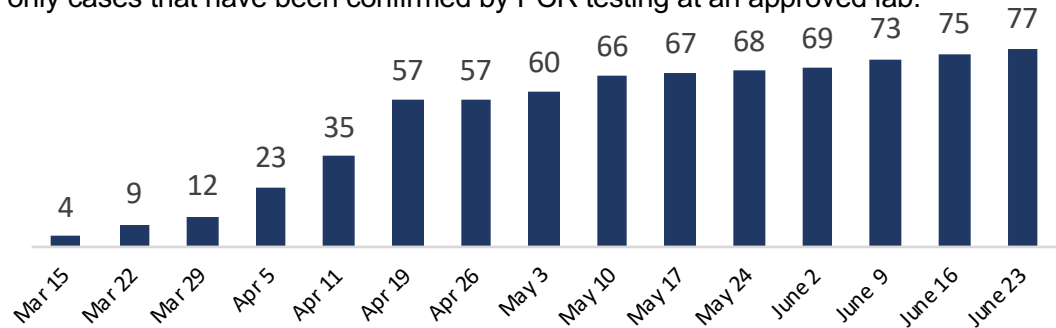
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# COVID-19 Weekly Update

## Status Update

### COVID-19 in Uxbridge

The graph below shows the **total** number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Uxbridge (not the number of cases each day). 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](mailto:boh@uxbridge-ma.gov)

### Transmission Rates? What are those?

A recent WBUR [article](#) stated that a new model, developed by the co-founders of Instagram, shows that Massachusetts has the lowest COVID-19 transmission rate (Rt) in the US. But what is a transmission rate? Well, simply put the transmission rate measures how many persons are being infected by one individual who has the virus. What experts look for is a number below 1, which shows that the disease spread is slowing down. As people adopt [protective measures](#) (like wearing masks, physical distancing, and washing hands), the transmission rate goes down, showing that those measures were slowing the spread of COVID-19.

### Reminder about Reopening

Phase 2 of businesses reopening is now in full swing! If you are still unsure of what businesses can reopen, there is a full list on the state's [website](#). Most businesses have restrictions, such as the closing of bathrooms or limits on how many people may be in that location. The [mandatory safety standards](#) for businesses set by the state provide more detail. A mask will be a mandatory requirement for almost all businesses going forward and it is important to remember that wearing a mask not only protects yourself but is vital in protecting those around you. A special note for beaches and public outdoor spaces: physical distancing is still required and it is important to continue to wear a mask when travelling to and enjoying these spaces. Additionally, parking may be restricted to limit the amount of people in state owned outdoor spaces.

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