

COVID-19 Update

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COVID-19 Updates

- New State COVID-19 Orders and Advisories
- Updates to Northborough COVID-19 webpage
- Risk status in [COVID-19 Community-Level Data Map](#)
- Coordination with Public Schools
- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)
- Business Outreach

New State Orders and Advisories

- [Stay At Home Advisory](#)
- Early Closure of Businesses and Activities ([COVID-19 Order No. 53](#))
- Revised Gathering Order ([COVID-19 Order No. 54](#))
- Revised Face Covering Order ([COVID-19 Order No. 55](#))
- Revised Safety Standards for Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities – Phase III, Step 2
- Recommendations for Thanksgiving

Stay At Home Advisory

Beginning Friday, November 6, 2020 all residents of Massachusetts are advised to stay home between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. During these hours only leave home for essential needs, such as:

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-  **Going to work**
-  **Going to school**
-  **Seeking emergency medical care**
-  **Going to the grocery store**
-  **Going to the pharmacy**
-  **Picking up take-out food**
-  **Receiving a delivery**

 **Do not host gatherings during these hours**

Early Closure of Businesses and Activities

COVID-19 Order No. 53

- Requires the early closure of certain businesses and activities each night at 9:30 PM.
- The 9:30 PM closure requirement is aligned with the [Stay At Home Advisory](#) and together the two new initiatives are designed to further limit activities that could lead to COVID-19 transmission.
- Businesses include restaurants, gyms/fitness centers, movie theaters.

Revised Gathering Order

COVID-19 Order No. 54

In accordance with Executive Order #54 effective November 6, 2020:

Occupancy limits for event venues or in public spaces

Indoors	No more than 25
Outdoors, higher risk* communities	Not more than 50
Outdoors, lower risk* communities	Not more than 100

* As defined by Executive Order #56

- **Face coverings are required at all public gatherings**
- **Social distancing of at least 6 ft between attendees**
- **All gatherings must end and attendees disperse by 9:30pm**
- **For events exceeding 50 people, organizer must notify the Local Board of Health at least a week in advance**

Occupancy limits for private residences

Indoors	No more than 10
Outdoors	No more than 25

- **Face coverings are required:**
 - **When people who live outside of the household are present, AND**
 - **There are more than 10 people present**
- **Social distance of at least 6 ft between people except those from the same household**
- **All gatherings must end and attendees disperse by 9:30pm**

Revised Face Covering Order

COVID-19 Order No. 55



All persons over the age of 5 MUST wear a face covering whenever in public, indoors or outdoors**



Face coverings are required when in a vehicle with non-household members

Failure to comply with this order may result in a civil fine of up to \$300 per violation.

Public locations include any place open to the public including, without limitation, grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores; public transportation, and other ride-sharing vehicles; public streets and ways; and any location that hosts indoor or outdoor events or performances.

Other Updates

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Updates to Town's COVID-19 webpage

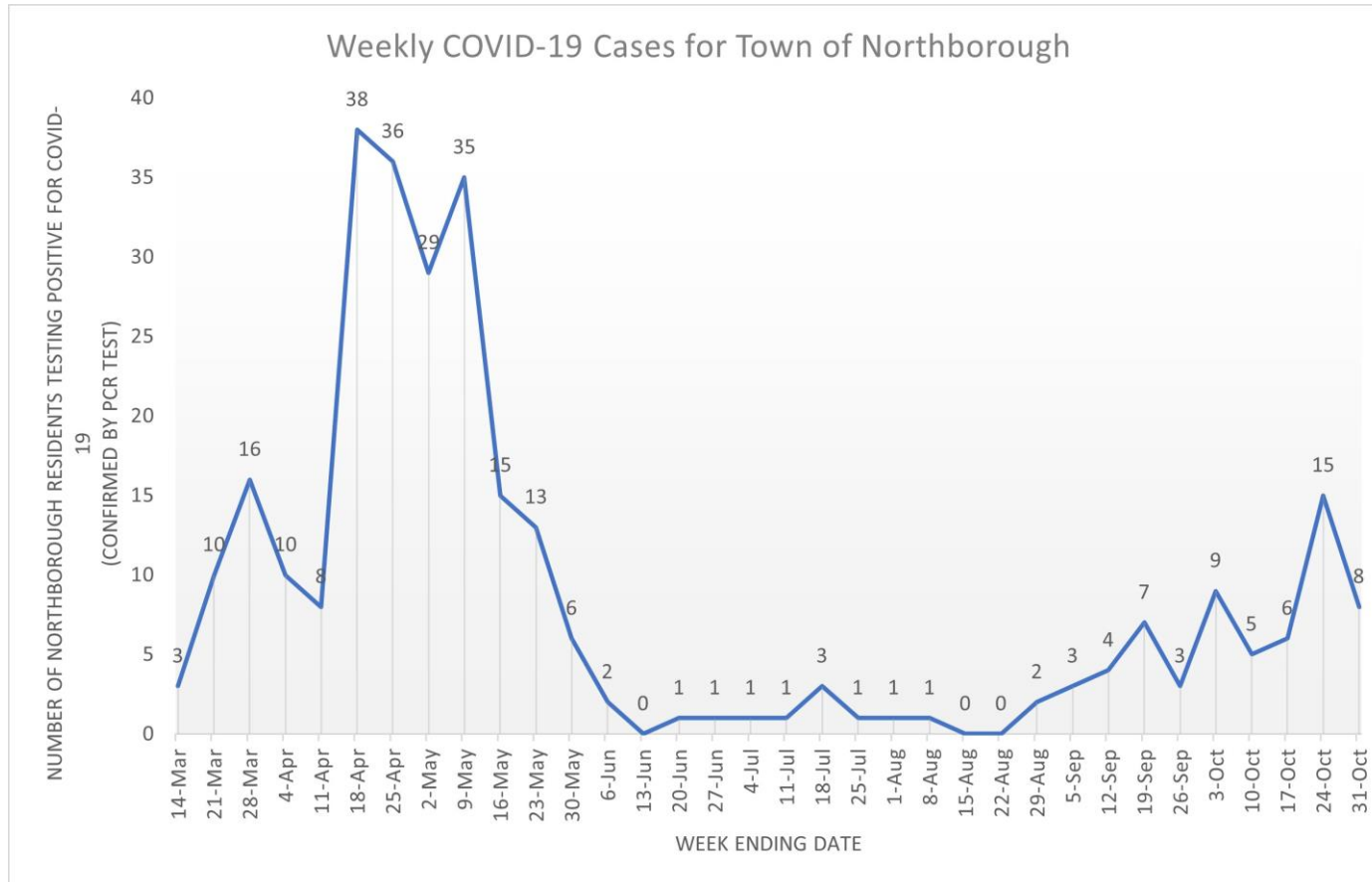
- COVID-19 Case Counts updated weekly
- Source of case counts is [Massachusetts Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Weekly Public Health Report](#)
- New Line and Age Cohort graphs added
- Information consolidated into Resources for Businesses and Resident webpages
- New Out-of-State Travel webpage
- New COVID-19 Testing webpage

The screenshot shows the Northborough COVID-19 webpage. The header includes the town name and a search bar. The main content area features a sidebar with links to case counts, testing, and resources. The central section displays the current active cases (23) and a weekly report (294). A line graph shows weekly COVID-19 cases for the town of Northborough, with data points for 38, 36, and 35 cases.

Weekly COVID-19 Cases for Town of Northborough
38
36
35

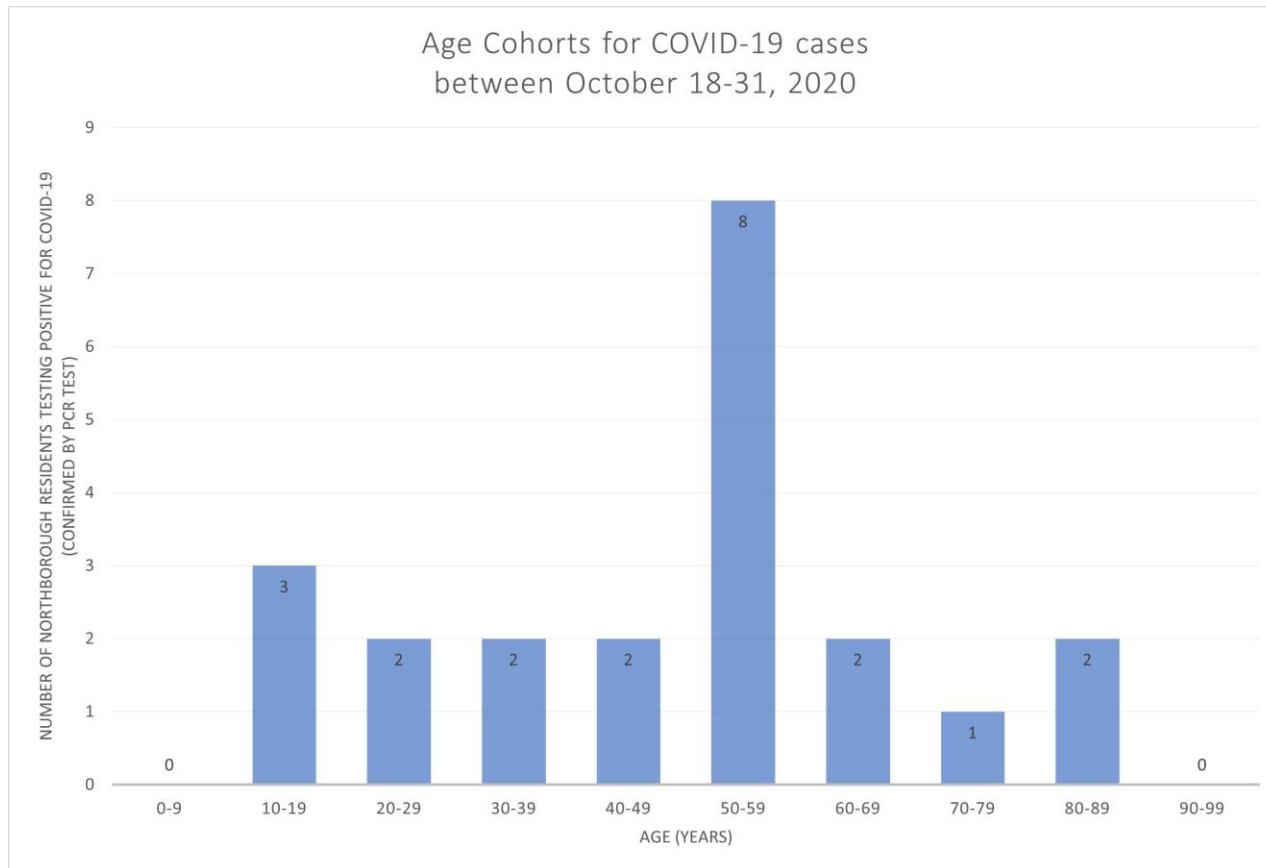
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Weekly COVID-19 Cases Line Graph



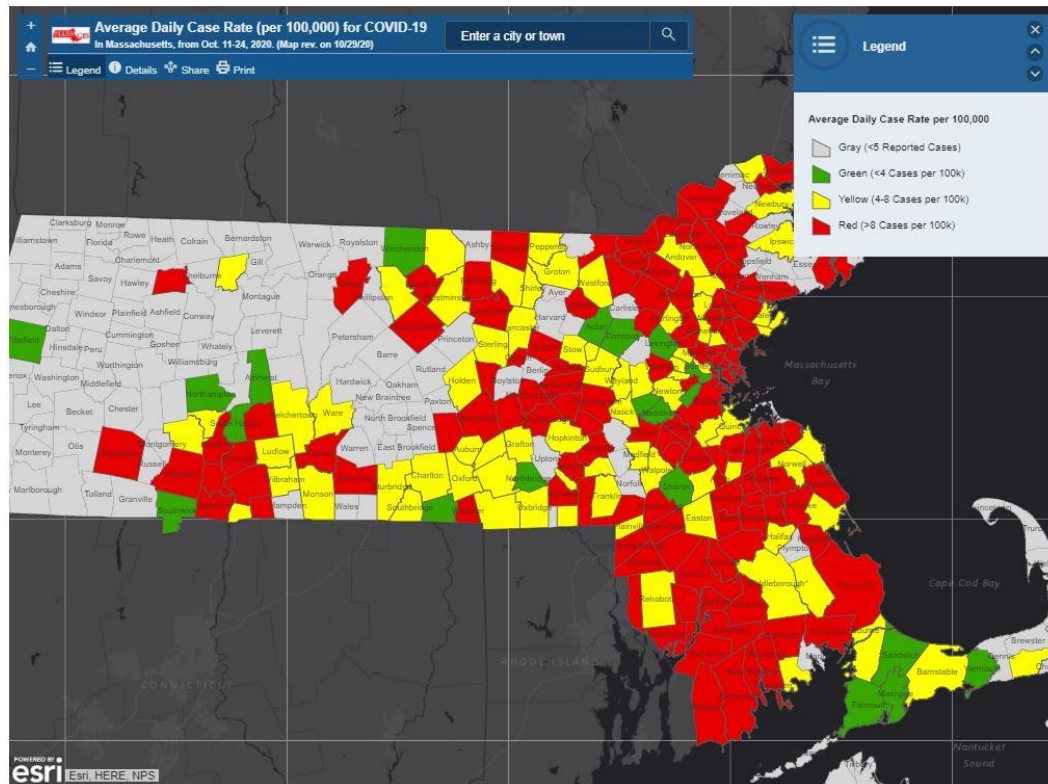
- 294 Total Cases per 11/6/2020 DPH Weekly Report
- Case counts may slightly differ over time due to cases being moved to other jurisdictions or deduplicated.

COVID-19 Age Cohort Graph



- Illustrates Age Cohorts for two week period (ending Saturday before weekly report released)
- Produced by Health Agent each week and uploaded to COVID-19 home page on website

COVID-19 Community-Level Data Map



- Northborough elevated to High Risk in 10/29 Report
- Risk levels published in [DPH's Weekly Public Health Report](#)
- Communities categorized as high, moderate or low Risk.
- Communities lose their lower-risk designation if they are a "red" community for three consecutive DPH weekly reports.
- State revised risk metrics on 11/6 and Northborough downgraded to Moderate Risk

Data reflective of the 10/29/2020 [Weekly Report](#).

Updated Metrics & Guidance for Schools

- On Friday, October 6th, Baker-Polito Administration announced Updated Metrics and Guidance on Schools
- Red/Higher Risk category now requires $\geq 5\%$ COVID-19 test positivity rate in addition higher case counts
- Updated DESE Guidance schools in gray, green or yellow are expected to have students learning fully in-person when logistically possible.
- Schools in red communities should implement hybrid models while maximizing in-person learning for high-needs students.
- Fully remote instructional models should be implemented only as a last resort.

New metric table released 11/6/2020

Group	Population		
	Under 10K	10K-50K	Over 50K
Grey	Less than or equal to 10 total cases	Less than or equal to 10 total cases	Less than or equal to 15 total cases
Green	Less than or equal to 15 total cases	<10 avg cases/100k AND >10 total cases	<10 avg cases/100k AND >15 total cases
Yellow	Less than or equal to 25 total cases	≥ 10 avg cases/100k OR $\geq 5\%$ pos rate	≥ 10 avg cases/100k OR $\geq 4\%$ pos rate
Red	More than 25 total cases	≥ 10 avg cases/100k AND $\geq 5\%$ pos rate	≥ 10 avg cases/100k AND $\geq 4\%$ pos rate

Most Recent Northborough Case Counts

- As of 5pm today, Total Case Count for Northborough is 308.
- The most recent DPH report had a Total Case Count of 294 for period ending 10/31. Two-week period of 10/18-10/31. Source is DPH Weekly Public Health Report released 11/6/2020.

City/Town	Total Case Count	Case Count (Last 14 Days)	Average Daily Incidence Rate per 100,000 (Last 14 days) ¹	Relative Change in Case Counts ²	Total Tests	Total Tests (Last 14 days)	Total Positive Tests (Last 14 days)	Percent Positivity (Last 14 days)	Change in Percent Positivity ³
Northborough	294	22	11.6	Lower	10853	1842	26	1.41%	Lower

Most Recent State Case Counts



Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard-

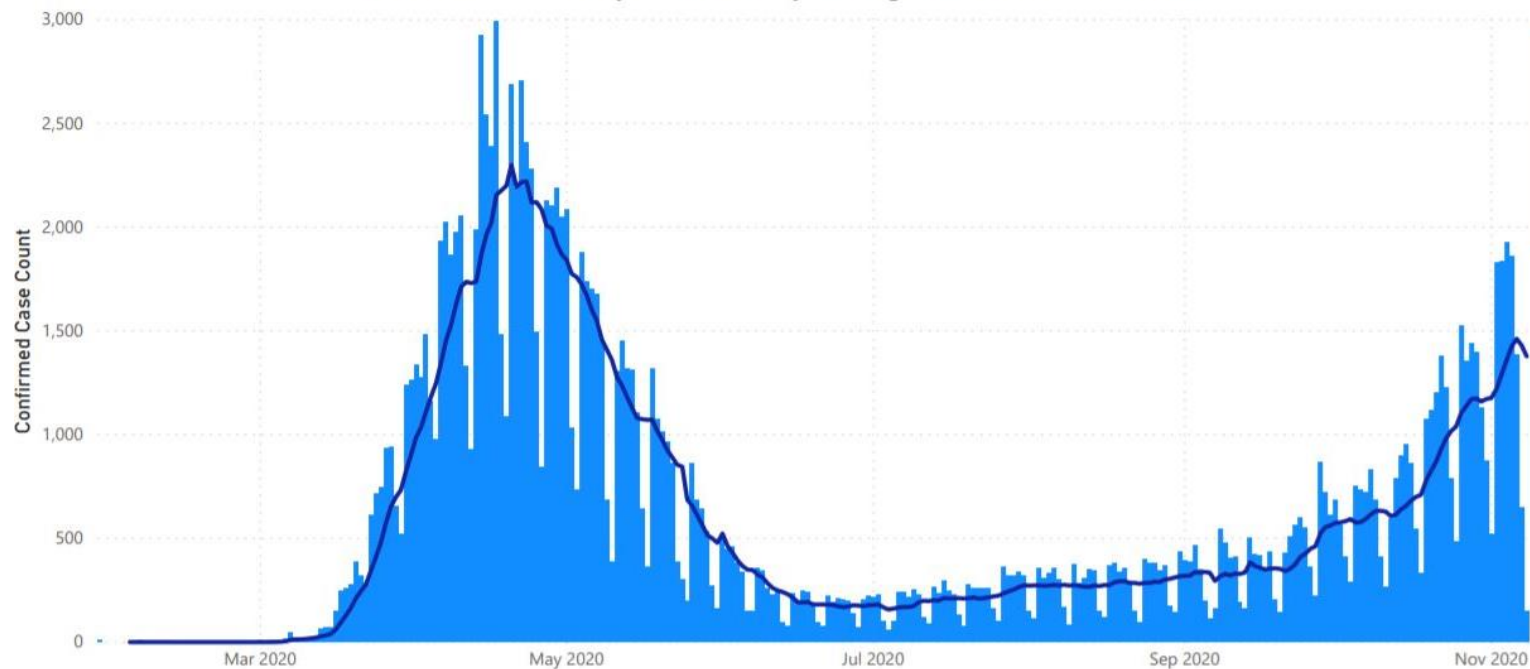
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Daily Confirmed Cases (Since March)

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases To Date by Date Individual Tested

New Daily Confirmed Cases at 1,184

● Confirmed Cases by Date ● 7-Day Average Confirmed Case Count



Total Confirmed Cases

167,929

Average Daily Incidence Rate Per 100,000 (last 14 days)*

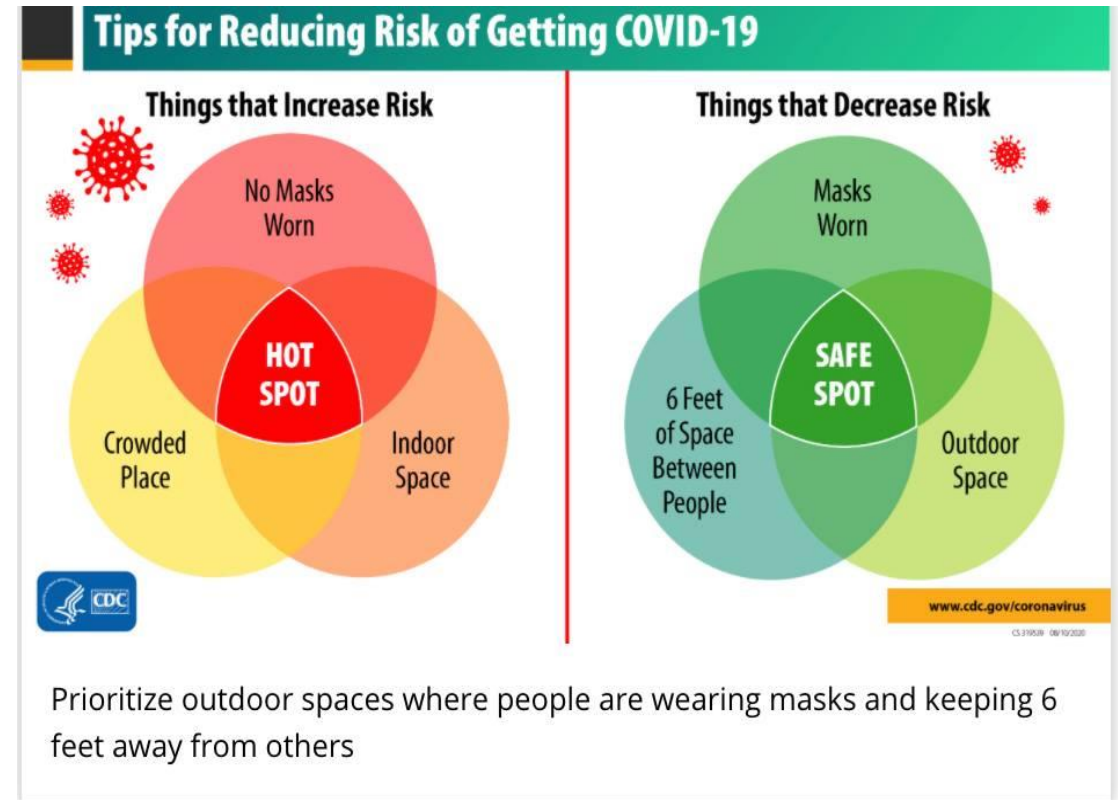
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Summary Points

- Be safe. Be smart. Do our part.
- Wear a mask in public.
- Follow the new stay-at-home advisory in place between 10pm and 5am every night.
- Limit social gatherings, including in your home.
- Monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and seek testing.



Questions

- Northborough COVID-19 webpage:
<https://www.town.northborough.ma.us/covid-19-coronavirus-information>
- State's COVID Webpage
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>
[Call 2-1-1](#) or use [live chat](#) for non-emergency questions and help
- Town businesses are encouraged to contact the Health Department with questions and concerns.