

### COVID-19 Dashboard

A dashboard with daily data updates will be available [Acton's Covid-19 Information Center](http://www.actonma.gov/covid19)

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### Translation

Translation of this update available upon request. Call 978-929-6600

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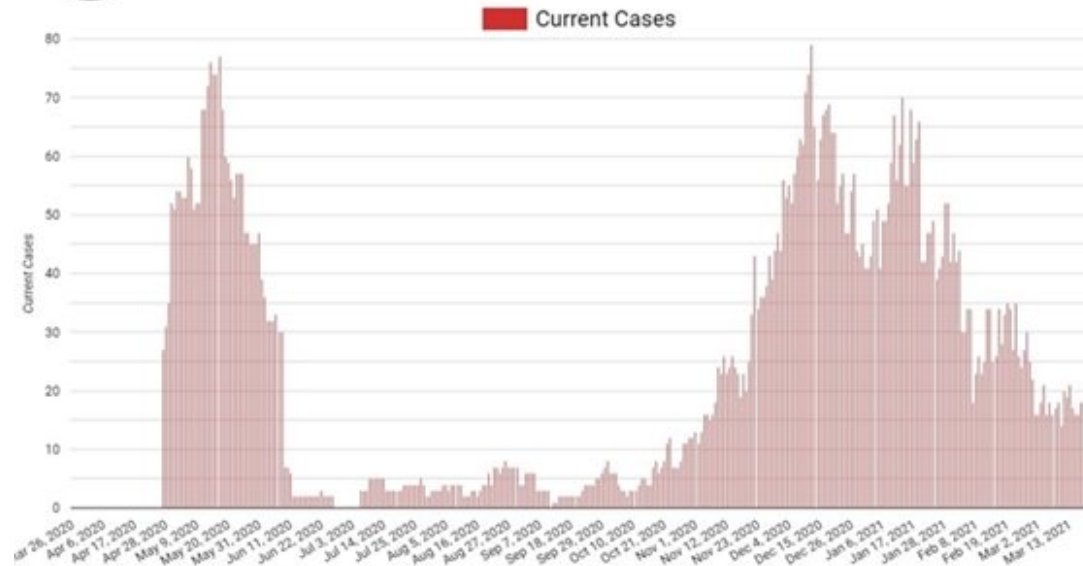
### Confirmed Cases

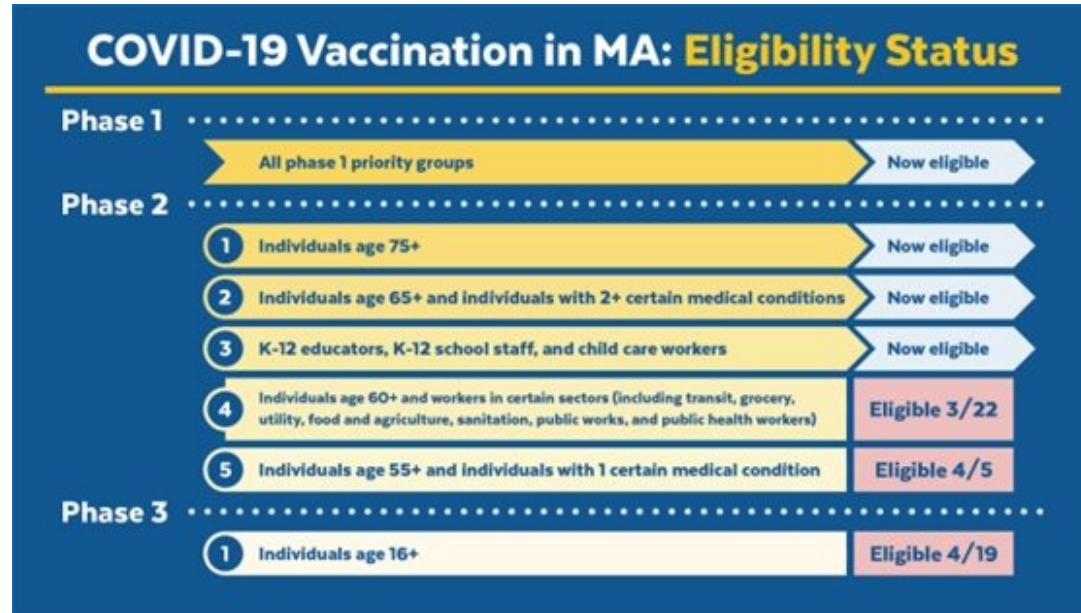
It has been reported to Acton Public Health that at this time there are 813 cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Acton with 9 individuals in isolation, 772 recovered and 32 fatalities. Above is a chart showing the cumulative number of cases in Acton

in blue and the daily trend in current cases in red. The chart below shows the daily trend in current cases as red bars.



### Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Acton, Massachusetts





## Baker-Polito Administration Announces Transition to Phase IV of Reopening Plan

Massachusetts will advance to Step 1 of Phase IV on March 22; [more details \[https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-transition-to-phase-iv-of-reopening-plan\]](https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-transition-to-phase-iv-of-reopening-plan)

## Baker-Polito Administration Announces Changes to Travel Order

Effective Monday, March 22, the Massachusetts Travel Order will be replaced with a [Travel Advisory \[https://www.mass.gov/alerts/travel-order-notice\]](https://www.mass.gov/alerts/travel-order-notice)

## More Information about COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

### Where and How to Book an Appointment:

Last week, the state launched a preregistration system for its mass vaccination sites, and through the system appointments are offered based on eligibility and available, nearby appointments.

Currently, the closest mass vaccination site is at the Natick Mall.

Residents are advised that the system only accounts for appointments available at mass vaccination sites, and more sites are expected to be added to the preregistration system in April. More vaccination sites can also be found by clicking [here](#) and residents are also encouraged to reach out to local pharmacies to identify other potential vaccination opportunities.

**To preregister:**

- Eligible residents will complete the online form at [mass.gov/COVIDVaccine](https://mass.gov/COVIDVaccine) to request to book an appointment at a mass vaccination site nearby.
- After completing the form, residents will get a confirmation via their preferred method of contact (text, e-mail, phone) and receive a weekly update about their status. Residents may opt out of preregistration at any time if they secure an appointment elsewhere.
- When an appointment becomes available at a mass vaccination site, the resident will be notified and will have 24 hours to accept the appointment once it is offered. If an appointment is not accepted after 24 hours, the resident will go back into the queue to wait for another appointment.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule Resource 211 line remains available for those without internet access or who have difficulty using the internet for the preregistration process.

The 211 line can be accessed by dialing 2-1-1 and selecting the prompt for “Help Scheduling a Vaccine Appointment.” The hotline is only available for residents eligible for the vaccine without internet access or who otherwise cannot use the appointment site, and will take calls Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Translators will be available to help through the 211 line. Callers will be able to speak with a live representative who will help them find a nearby vaccination location and make an appointment. For more information about the 211 line, [click here](#).

**Vaccinations for Homebound Individuals**

Acton’s Vaccine Task Force is working to identify homebound residents to ensure that they are able to receive their COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccines are still very limited in Massachusetts, and there is no guarantee that the Town will be receiving more. However, if the Town is able to obtain vaccine, officials want to be sure to vaccinate those that may find it difficult to obtain the vaccine by traditional methods.

Homebound individuals includes those that need the help of another person or medical equipment such as crutches, a walker, or a wheelchair to leave their home, or their medical provider believes that their health or illness could get worse if they leave their home, and they typically do not leave their home. They may be those who have a permanent condition that prevents them from getting vaccinated, even if transportation were available. Examples of this include those who are bedbound, those who are extremely frail and weak, those with a chronic cognitive decline (dementia) and those who need one or two people to physically help them get out of the home.

If you or someone you know may qualify, regardless of age, please contact the Council on Aging at 978-929-6652, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or at [seniorcenter@actonma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov).

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Form

THIS IS NOT A SIGN-UP FOR THE VACCINE!

If you are able to make an appointment at one of the clinics at [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) or with your personal physician, please do so!!

This form is intended for the Acton Board of Health to collect information on residents interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccination.

[Click here to access the vaccine interest form](#)

### Acton COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Form

The Town of Acton has created a COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Form. Acton residents or those who work in Acton who meet the eligibility criteria for Phase One or the first two priority groups of Phase Two (individuals age 75+ and individuals age 65+ or with two or more comorbidities) and are interested in receiving the vaccine are asked to complete [this form](#). **The form will be used to notify respondents of their eligibility only. It is not a form for reservations, a waitlist or appointments.**

Not all subgroups are currently listed on the Vaccine Interest Form. The town will update the form regularly as new subgroups are identified by the state and become eligible for the vaccine.

You may fill out the form on behalf of someone else. If you are inquiring about the eligibility of more than one person, please fill out one form for each person.

Eligibility notifications and updates will be sent via email. If you don't have access to email and don't have someone who can submit the form on your behalf, the town will call you at

the number provided on the form.

If you do not have access to the internet to submit the form, please contact the Acton Town Services Hotline at 978-929-6600.

Town officials will continue to monitor the situation and share updates, such as specific dates of when the vaccine may become available to more people, as that information becomes available.

The Acton Public Health Department encourages everyone to stay informed regarding the COVID-19 vaccination process. The following resources are recommended for the most up-to-date information:

- [Acton COVID-19 Information Center](#)
- [Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Timeline Phase Overview](#)
- [Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Latest vaccine update in Massachusetts](#)
- [Vaccine locations for individuals currently eligible to be vaccinated in Massachusetts](#)

## **Childcare Subsidy, Rent Relief, and Mortgage Relief Programs Available**

### **New Childcare Subsidy for Income-Eligible Local Families Childcare Subsidies are available for low to moderate-income families in Acton.**

Participating families will receive \$3,000 for children preschool aged or younger and \$2,000 for children in Kindergarten to age 13 towards their daycare or after school costs so that parents and guardians may work, go to school or seek employment.

Funds will be allocated to income qualified families on a first come, first serve basis by each Town using the income limits below with a maximum award during the grant year not to exceed \$5,000 per child. Interested residents should contact the Laura Ducharme [lducharme@actonma.gov](mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov) [mailto:[lducharme@actonma.gov](mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov)] or (978) 929-6651.

### **The Town also would like to notify residents that the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP) are currently accepting new applications.**

The MAP and ERAP Programs are a collaborative effort with the Regional Housing Services Office (RHSO), who will provide administrative support for the program.

Income eligibility for the ERAP and MAP program is up to 100% of the Area Median Income (\$119k for a family of four).

Eligible residents are encouraged to apply for these programs. Applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis until funds are exhausted. To learn more about additional local and government resources available to assist with rent and other essential needs please visit [abuw.org/COVID19](http://abuw.org/COVID19). For more information about the ERAP, MAP or Childcare Subsidy programs or to request application assistance please contact:

Laura Ducharme, Community Services Coordinator at (978) 929-6651 or [lducharme@actonma.gov](mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov)

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There is an exciting new regional Micro-enterprise Forgivable Loan Program being offered to micro businesses in the Towns of Acton, Boxborough, Littleton, Maynard, and Westford affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Utilizing funding received from the CARES Act and Community Development Block Grant Funds through the MA Department of Housing and Community Development, this program will help bridge the gap for small businesses enduring hardship during this difficult time.

The regional Micro-enterprise Forgivable Loan Program targets businesses with five (5) or fewer employees including the business owner(s) as defined by HUD's microenterprise definition whose business owners meet L/M Income qualifications. For applications and information please use the contact information to the left.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS REVIEWED ON A FIRST, COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

[Small business assistance resources available.](#)

## Updates from Board of Selectmen Meeting

Use the following link to view the latest updates from the Board of Selectmen Chair.

<http://www.actonma.gov/bos> [<http://www.actonma.gov/bos>]



[View testing location map](#)

## Testing Information

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides comprehensive information about COVID-19 testing including an updated list of testing locations. More information is available at <https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing> [<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing>]. An interactive map showing testing locations is also available using the link on the left.



## Town Services Hotline (978) 929-6600

The Acton Town Services Hotline is available to connect residents with a live worker to receive information and answers to their questions about

the latest government news, COVID-19, and Town services in general. Hotline workers also help answer questions related to the topics such as town meetings, financial relief programs for residents and business owners, and Town reopening plans. The Acton Town Services hotline number is 978-929-6600 and is open on Monday through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



[Watch now!](#)

## Java with John Program

For the latest COVID information other updates from Acton Town Manager John Mangiaratti and guests tune into the Java with John program Fridays at 10am. View previous episodes using the link shown to the left. This program is

produced by the Acton Council on Aging in collaboration with ActonTV. The weekly program is also broadcast live on local FM radio at Acton's station WAEM 94.9 FM.

## Make an Appointment for Curbside or Window Service

Due to the increase in COVID cases all Town Hall services are now by appointment only. Appointments can be made to meet at a service window or in the rear Town Hall parking lot for curbside. All town buildings remain closed to the public while Massachusetts's State of Emergency is in effect. The closures are being ordered out of an abundance of caution in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and promote social distancing. Town



Hall services are still operational and staff is available during normal hours throughout the work week. Please use [www.actonma.gov](http://www.actonma.gov) to use the numbers below to contact staff.

### Finance Department

Residents may call or email to make an appointment.

- Assessor's Office: 978-929-6621, [assessor@actonma.gov](mailto:assessor@actonma.gov)
- Collector's Office: 978-929-6622, [collector@actonma.gov](mailto:collector@actonma.gov)
- Town Clerk's Office: 978-929-6620, [clerk@actonma.gov](mailto:clerk@actonma.gov)

### Land Use Department

In-person customer service by appointment only. Call or email to make an appointment.

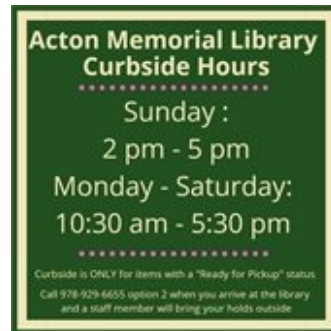
- Building Division: 978-929-6633, [building@actonma.gov](mailto:building@actonma.gov)
- Conservation Division: 978-929-6634, [nr@actonma.gov](mailto:nr@actonma.gov)
- Health Division: 978-929-6632, [health@actonma.gov](mailto:health@actonma.gov)
- Planning Division: 978-929-6631, [planning@actonma.gov](mailto:planning@actonma.gov)

### Town Manager's Office

- 978-929-6611, [manager@actonma.gov](mailto:manager@actonma.gov)

### Town Services Hotline

- 978-929-6600



### Library Curbside Service

Due to a recent rise in COVID-19 cases, Acton Memorial Library is temporarily suspending all in-person browsing appointments. The good news is we are able to add more on demand curbside hours this week and next week!

Come to the library during curbside hours and call 978-929-6655, option 2. A library staff member will bring your holds outside.


For further updates on library hours and services, please go to our website at [actonmemoriallibrary.org](http://actonmemoriallibrary.org)


### Transfer Station


The Acton Transfer Station will continue operating with the adjusted schedule for the initial reopening. The facility is currently open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The first hour (7-8 a.m.) is designated for Seniors (65+). The Transfer Station will also begin to accept payments (checks only) at the office for bulky items by early June. Staff are continuing to look at how to re-introduce some recycling streams such as polystyrene in later phases.

The purchase of Transfer Station and Recycling Facility vehicle stickers are now available online [<https://epay.cityhallsystems.com/selection>]. For more information on the Transfer Station and Recycling Center, please call 978-929-7742.

**For Additional Updates on Town Services go to the COVID-19 Information Center <http://www.actonma.gov/covid19>**

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