

Good evening. On behalf of the Select Board, this is Fire Chief Charlie Doody with a public health update. As of August 28th, the number of confirmed COVID cases in Canton is 337. The Department of Public Health is reporting 43 COVID related deaths in Canton. Thankfully the number of COVID deaths has remained unchanged for the past 4 weeks. Canton's COVID risk status is still at yellow but we are making positive strides to reducing the number of cases in Canton with a 1.62% positivity rate down from 2.18% last week and just under 5 cases per 100,000 people. The State positivity rate has also fallen and stands at an even 1.0%. You can monitor Canton's status and our effort to get back to "green" by logging on to Mass.Gov and clicking on the COVID19 tab.

As a reminder, a zoom webinar is scheduled for September 3rd at 4 pm during which panelists will answer questions from the public and provide an overview of the response to and current status of COVID 19 in Canton. Questions must be submitted in advance to covid19@town.canton.ma.us.

You can log in via zoom or call in by phone using the information below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89610837397>

OR

1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799

Webinar ID: 896 1083 7397

You can visit the COVID page of the Town of Canton's website for both call in and zoom log in information.

Finally, our nation has seen a rise in opioid related deaths during the Corona Virus pandemic. Isolation, job loss and stress are likely key factors contributing to this trend. This Monday, August 31st is International Overdose Awareness Day. On this day the Canton Alliance Against Substance Abuse (CAASA) will hold its annual ceremony to remember Canton residents who have lost their lives to overdose and to support Canton families that have lost loved ones.

WEEKLY EVERBRIDGE CALL – August 28, 2020

Attendance is limited to 50 people and preregistration is required. You can log on to the Town's website for details of the ceremony and to register. If you or anyone you love is struggling with addiction and looking for help, go to cantonalliance.org and visit Canton's virtual drop-in center to find resources and even connect with a counselor.

As always, thank you for listening and stay well.