

Good evening. On behalf of the Select Board and the Board of Health, this is Fire Chief Charlie Doody with a public health update. As of November 6th, the number of confirmed COVID cases in Canton is 453 with 28 confirmed cases over the last 14 days. There have been 52 reported deaths in Canton.

For the third consecutive week, Canton's COVID risk status remains "red". We are trending in the right direction, however, with only 6 cases reported over the past 7 days. As of now, Canton will remain red until we have achieved 3 consecutive weeks of less than 8 cases per 100,000 people. You can monitor Canton's status on the State's Community Level COVID 19 Data Reporting webpage. ( <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/community-level-covid-19-data-reporting> )

Effective as of 12:01 am on November 6<sup>th</sup>, Governor Baker has reduced gathering size limit for indoor gatherings at private residences to 10 people and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people. In addition, the order requires all persons to wear face-coverings in all public places, even where they are able to maintain 6 feet of distance from others. Finally, Governor Baker's revised order requires restaurants to seat and serve customers by 9:30 p.m. and close at 10:00 pm. For a full list of businesses affected by this change, see revised COVID 19 order #53 on the mass.gov website. ( <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-53/download> )

The Governor's order does not mandate a 10:00 p.m. curfew but it does align with the Governor's "Stay at Home" advisory. In order to comply with this advisory, between the hours of 10pm and 5am, you should only leave home to go to work or school, or for essential needs such as seeking emergency medical care, going to the grocery store or pharmacy or receiving deliveries. If you do leave home, practice social distancing by staying 6 feet away from others and wearing a face covering.

Finally, The Town's COVID Task Force will sponsor its next Zoom webinar on Thursday, November 12 at 4pm when a panel of local officials will update residents on how the Town is responding to COVID 19, and answer resident questions that are submitted to [covid19@town.canton.ma.us](mailto:covid19@town.canton.ma.us) by noon Tuesday November 10th. The webinar link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87176222496>. If you prefer to call in only, dial 312-626-6799 from your cell or landline, using webinar ID 871-7622-2496.

Thank you for listening and stay well.