

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 20th, the number of confirmed COVID cases in Canton is 494 with 40 confirmed cases over the last 14 days. The number of deaths remains at 52 with no change over the last 2 weeks. In addition, the Office of Health and Human Services has notified Canton that we are no longer considered a high-risk community and as such Canton is able to proceed to Phase III, Step 2 of the Governor's reopening plan.

Although this is a positive step in the right direction, we ask that you continue your commitment to following the health and safety protocols supported by our public health professionals.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-transition-to-step-ii-of-phase-iii-for-lower-risk>

As you plan for the Thanksgiving holiday, we offer the following considerations to help keep our friends, families, and communities safe during COVID-19. If you host a holiday celebration, keep it small. Limit in-person holiday gatherings to only people you live with or limit your gathering to a small group of individuals with whom you are regularly in contact with.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/thanksgiving-during-covid-19>

If you are considering travel, be aware of Massachusetts COVID 19 [travel orders](#) which can be found in the COVID 19 Update and information section on the Mass.gov website

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>

If you participate in a celebration with people you don't live with, we encourage you to follow public health guidance like:

- [Wear a mask](#) when not eating or drinking
- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Stay at least six feet apart from others
- Take extra precautions to protect those around you who may be at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, such as older adults or those with certain medical conditions
- Improve ventilation in your home by opening windows and doors if gathering indoors

We wish you and your families a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving.