TOWN OF OXFORD

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Oxford COVID-19 Update
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Oxford, MA- The Town of Oxford has been notified by the Department of Public Health (DPH) **two** additional Oxford residents having been confirmed positive for the COVID-19 virus. There have been a total of **47** positive cases in Oxford since reporting began. As of Friday, May 15, 2020, twenty-eight individuals have completed monitoring and are no longer in quarantine. The Town of Oxford will attempt to release the number of individuals who have completed monitoring each Friday. Additionally, the Town has been notified eight individuals have passed away from complications related to the COVID-19 virus.

The Board of Health and the Public Health Nurse continue to be responsible for conducting communicable disease investigation concerning the identified individuals. Such investigation would also include working with the individuals to identify others, relatives and associates, who may have had recent contact with them.

"As many of you are aware, Governor Baker announced the four-phase plan to reopen Massachusetts this morning," stated Town Manager Jennifer Callahan. "The phased reopening is tied to public health guidelines and reopening decisions will be driven by data. We ask for the community to continue to adhere to practicing good hygiene, wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing. This will be a marathon and not a sprint to the 'new normal'."

The Town of Oxford has also released the following COVID-19 update for May 18, 2020:

- As of May 18, 2020, forty-seven positive COVID-19 cases have been confirmed by DPH since testing began. Additionally, eight Oxford residents have succumb to the virus.
- Effective May 6, 2020 masks or face coverings are required in accordance with Governor Baker's May 1, 2020 Executive Order.
- The Town of Oxford has set up a dedicated email address to respond to local inquiries regarding COVID-19: covid19questions@town.oxford.ma.us.
- Municipal buildings are closed to the public until further notice, residents are encouraged to visit the Town website at www.town.oxford.ma.us to obtain email and telephone contacts for Town Departments. Additionally, municipal playgrounds, enclosed parks, and athletic courts are closed to the public to encourage social distancing.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Memorial Day Parade has been canceled.
- The Annual Town Election has been set for Tuesday, June 30, 2020. Details are forthcoming.
- The Oxford Board of Health Agent and Public Health Nurse continue to vet additional potential cases to the COVID-19 virus within the community.
- Residents are encouraged to contact covid19questions@town.oxford.ma.us if they are aware of any senior experiencing food insecurity.

- Free "Grab and Go" meals are available at the Oxford High School for all students 18 and under from Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 11 AM.
- The Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf is providing "drive by" service. The Food Shelf is providing FREE groceries to any Oxford family that needs help. If you have any questions, contact the Food Shelf at oxfordfoodshelf@hotmail.com. For more information or to volunteer, please visit www.oxfordfoodshelf.org.

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