

Important Update on COVID-19 in Taunton

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Mayor Shaunna O'Connell and Taunton Board of Health Executive Director Heather Gallant report that the City of Taunton has received notification of a single positive case of COVID-19 in Taunton.

The Taunton Board of Health was notified of the positive test result and have been in contact with the resident and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). In order to protect the resident's medical privacy rights, no additional information can be disclosed.

If anyone displays symptoms of COVID-19 including a fever, cough or shortness of breath, they should not report to work or school, limit contact with others, and they are advised to contact their primary care physician.

In order to help to avoid contracting any communicable illness, it is important to practice good hand hygiene. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds including under your fingernails. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol content) can be used when soap and water are not available.

Keep your hands away from your face.

Cough into the sleeve over your elbow instead of your hand or into a tissue and discard it immediately. Also, wash your hands often when coughing and sneezing.

Stay away from people who are sick and stay home when you are sick.

Consider not attending social gatherings and minimizing unnecessary public exposure, particularly if you are over the age of 60, have underlying health conditions, a weakened immune system or are pregnant.

For continuously updated information on COVID-19, visit <https://www.taunton-ma.gov/>