

This is an important message from the Town of Marblehead.

The Governor's order requiring face covering in public places where social distancing is not possible, went into effect Wednesday May 6th. This also requires all persons to wear masks or cloth face coverings at all times when inside grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores. Please remember the Marblehead Board of Health orders and advisories are also still in effect.

The Governor also announced changes to non-essential retail businesses allowing them to bring in a small number of employees in order to remotely fulfill online or phone orders. Please visit maa.gov to understand these changes so you do not violate this order. Please continue to support our local retailers and restaurants.

The state has also extended the date of the Stay at Home advisory to May 18th. At that time, the Governor's Reopening Advisory Board will be prepared to present a reopening plan they've put together. It is expected that any re-opening plan will be a phased process for certain industries and some industries individually may have to open in a phased manner.

Positive test rates are now under 20% statewide and the hospitalization rates are trending in the right direction. It seems we are finally on the right side of the curve.

On Wednesday, the same day the Governor's Order went into effect the Town opened the causeway to pedestrians.

Unfortunately, Marblehead's 2 long-term care facilities have sadly experienced clusters of positive COVID-19 diagnoses which have increased our overall case count and deaths due to the virus. We would like to extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the families that are grieving these losses.

As a reminder, the municipal election is scheduled to take place on June 16th. Early and absentee ballots are available on the Town's website at Marblehead.org. The Town is also planning to send a direct mailing out to all register voter households with an early voting application and encouraging all residents to vote through mail when possible.

Thank you to everyone in the community for their support of the Town during these unprecedented times.

Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives