

Weekly Video Update, February 14, 2022

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Happy Valentine's Day. I want to thank the students at the Wampatuck school for the lovely and thoughtful valentines that were made by hand and delivered to the Town Hall last week. Grade 3 students in Mrs. Burke's and Mrs. Spinale's class did a great job and I want to thank them for the awesome cards. Great job!
2. The total number of Covid cases for this past week (not including yesterday) according to our MAVEN data was 25, down from 37 of last week. Numbers continue to drop from week to week. The total number of cases reported to the BOH, including home tests over the last two weeks was 87, down from 153 reported last week. We have a positivity rating over the last 14 days at 7.85%, down from 11.33% of last week. Plymouth County is at 9.79%, down from 14.64% of last week. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 3.74% down from the previous week of 5.63. So, numbers are trending down across the board.

We continue to urge you to get vaccinated if you haven't done so already. As with many of our neighboring communities, we will be distributing test kits to residents. Stay tuned for details. Kits will also be available to the COA for seniors-details will follow on those also. There will be a limit of two per family while supplies last.

3. Widows Walk bids are due March 1st and we've had great interest and have held walk through tours of the facility. Building is really coming along and will be ready for the start of the golf season.
4. I know people are tired of shoveling and cleaning up after the weekend, but with warmer temperatures forecast for later this week we will have melting of snow during the day. This can cause icy conditions at night when that water freezes so use caution when driving. Please help by shoveling out any storm drains and fire hydrants.
5. Transfer station is open today. The crews at the transfer station have been plowing all night so if they seem a little slower or crankier than normal, please cut them a little slack. DPW crews again did a great job on a storm that seemed to sneak up on everyone and would not stop. An anticipated 3-4 inches morphed overnight to 6-8+ in some areas.
6. Finally, beach stickers went on sale this morning. Non-resident beach stickers were available on-line only this year. The portal opened at 8:30 am and all 150 non-resident stickers were sold out by 8:37-a new record! The 100 non-resident Humarock stickers were gone in 20 minutes. For comparison, last year it took 45 minutes and 1 hour.

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Burkhead also thanked DPW, custodians and facilities for doing a great job clearing the roads for school today.

Covid numbers for the School this week was 40, from 39. Breakdown is as follows:

District Staff	0
Cushing	6
Gates	6
Hatherly	0
Jenkins	7
High School	15
Wampanoag	6

He thanked everyone for attending the budget workshop meeting. The information will be posted on the school website <https://scituate.k12.ma.us>

This Thursday, February 17th there is a special School Committee Meeting that will be held at 6:00 PM.

Reminder that the MSBA school project is progressing very well. We have a link on the school homepage that will have all relevant information. You may also reach out to Superintendent Burkhead or Dr. Dutch with any questions.

Tony Vegnani, Select Board Member

There is a Select Board meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Agenda on website <https://www.scituate.ma.gov/select-board/events/125181>

Chair Karen Connolly will discuss the Pilgrim Nuclear Power plant, and the Board will hold budget reviews, water treatment financing, and the wind turbine that is on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

He wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.