

Town of Scituate COVID19 Update  
June 25, 2020

COVID19: no new cases have been reported since Monday. Please keep up the good work by wearing masks and social distancing.

Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27th at 9am at the football field behind Scituate High School. Arrangements have been made to ensure social distancing and other safety measures. Please wear a mask. The goal is to complete business essential to the functioning of town government and postpone other issues until we can meet in more normal circumstances.

Water Department continues to report extremely high water usage. There have been over 2 million gallons a day drawn for the past two weeks. These are typically draws only seen during the 4th of July holiday. It represents a 21.8% increase of usage over same time last year. This is not sustainable. Current restrictions prohibit outdoor irrigation to once a week and hand-held water to before 9am and after 5pm. It is likely the town will impose a full outdoor water ban soon to protect this vital resource from drought conditions later in the season. Cohasset and Hull are weighing similar measures.

Reopening is now in Phase II, Step 2 which allows for indoor seating at restaurants (with restrictions) and other new business openings. Complete list and guidelines can be found at [www.mass.gov/reopenings](http://www.mass.gov/reopenings).

If all continues to go well with COVID19 case reductions, Massachusetts could move on to Phase III as early as July 6th. Should that occur, Town Hall will likely be opened to the public.

School reopening guidance is expected today from DESE and the Governor. The early indications include allowing schools to reopen with masks required for 2nd grade on, desks all facing forward and at least 3' apart, and lunch within classrooms.

The Scituate Loves Local first "box" promotion is on sale this week. Sponsored by the West Cork Sister City Committee the "Taste of Ireland" includes merchandise and gift cards from The Mill Wharf, Galley, Hennessy News, The Voyage, Scituate Package Store, and others. For sale at \$50 each and valued well above that. May be purchased by emailing [scituateloveslocal@gmail.com](mailto:scituateloveslocal@gmail.com)

The video updates will now be produced ONCE A WEEK ON MONDAYS going forward unless there is an emergency announcement. Stay tuned at 9:30am on Channel 9 or find the link later on the town website.