| **August 12, 2020** | **Easthampton**  
**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation Awareness Report** |
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| **VIRTUAL TOWN HALL – Thursday 8/13 at 4:00pm**  
*Host - Mayor LaChapelle*  
*Moderator – Ryan Arnold Easthampton Media*  
Information on meeting access can be found on the Easthampton Media Facebook page or [HERE](#).  
**If you have ideas for a future Town Hall, or would like to be involved, please contact the Mayor’s Office via email at:** mayor@easthamptonma.gov  
Watch live on Charter Channel 193 or streaming on [YouTube](#)  
**CALL: 211** for MA coronavirus information, resources & SafeLink  
**TEXT: COVIDMA to 888-777** to get coronavirus updates in English; [COVIDMAESP](#) for updates in Spanish | If you would like a copy of the Situation Awareness Report emailed to you directly, please contact the Mayor’s Office at mayor@easthamptonma.gov.  
**Enhanced Community-Level Data:** The Baker-Polito administration released additional data at the community level. Last week, several initiatives were announced in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. This new data will target new resources and implement community specific strategies to further help slow the spread of the virus.  
Each community in Massachusetts has been given a level of risk, either low, moderate, or high. The map of these designations can be found [HERE](#).  
Further information on daily cases, average percent positivity, and total case counts was also released.  
The full Press Release regarding this new data is available [HERE](#).  
**Early Voting Information:** Early Voting will be available for the September 1st State Primary. Voting will be held at the Municipal Building at 50 Payson Avenue on the second floor.  
Early Voting will be available from Saturday August 22nd until Friday August 28th. For further details on the times, please click [HERE](#).  
August 22nd is also the last day to register to vote for the State Primary.  
*Questions should be directed towards the City Clerks office at 413-529-1400, Ext. 460.*  
**Vote by Mail** information can be found on the City website [HERE](#).  
**Revised Gatherings Order:** The Baker-Polito administration announced an updated order regarding gatherings, **effective August 11th.** This includes modified limits to the size of indoor and outdoor gatherings.  
For the full information, please view the official order [HERE](#). |
All Easthampton public buildings remain closed until further notice. Working remotely, staff are monitoring voice mail and email, prioritizing pandemic related matters. Many staff are working a limited schedule. Thank you for your patience.

The latest news on Massachusetts COVID-19 Cases and Testing can be found here: [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/about-covid-19-testing](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/about-covid-19-testing)

**Easthampton City Arts Artist Grants:** Announced August 7th, there will be another phase of grants given to local artists through ECA. Phase II will award 15 artists with $500 grants. Additional artists will be supported through Phase III of the Relief Program.

The deadline to apply for Phase II of this program is **August 24, 2020 at 11:59pm**. All applicants will be notified on September 4th.

For more information please visit the official ECA website: [https://www.easthamptoncityarts.com/artists/eca-artist-grants-initiative/](https://www.easthamptoncityarts.com/artists/eca-artist-grants-initiative/)

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### Additional Resources

- **Massachusetts Testing Information:** Includes information on symptoms, contact tracing, and quarantining.


- **MEMA Map of COVID-19 Resources:**

  [https://memamaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5867d881a9324121839605c56a3d7cc9](https://memamaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5867d881a9324121839605c56a3d7cc9)

- **Small Business Strong:** Small Business Strong is a partnership formed to assist women and minority owned small businesses. For more information, please visit their website: [https://www.smallbstrong.com/](https://www.smallbstrong.com/)

- **MassSupport:** Free and confidential counseling services during COVID pandemic

  - PHONE: 1-888-215-4920 (Phones answered Mon.-Fri. from 9:00am to 6:00pm)
  - EMAIL: MassSupport@riversidecc.org