

COVID-19 is a serious threat in Holliston. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Keep your distance. Do not share food, drinks or utensils. Stay home if sick. Get a *free* COVID <u>test</u> at one of the *Stop the Spread* testing sites. Stop gatherings with family and friends. Protect yourself and your loved ones. For more info visit mass.gov/stopcovid19

Residents should follow safe and healthy tips to participate in **Halloween** <u>activities</u> that may limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. These tips are consistent with <u>guidance</u> issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Data suggests that much of the spread of the virus that is occurring in the state is taking place in households and social gatherings. Remain as vigilant with mitigation measures in private as you are in public.

Daylight Saving Time (DST) ends on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 AM. On Saturday night, remember to set your clocks back one hour. While modern technology has made it such that we don't need to turn back every clock in your home, if your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have serviceable batteries, you should change your batteries this weekend. Some newer alarms have a 10-year "worry free" sealed battery for which batteries do not need to be replaced; the entire unit is simply replaced after a decade. Smoke alarms (including hard-wired interconnected units) should be replaced after 10 years, and CO alarms should be replaced after 5-7 years; in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

Starting November 1, 2020 there is **no on street parking** between the hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM. This parking ban will remain in effect until March 31, 2021.

In Person **Early Voting** is available in Upper Town Hall (703 Washington Street) now through Friday, October 30, during regular Town Hall hours of operation. Ballots requested for **Vote By Mail** can be returned to the Town Clerk's Office or the secure official ballot drop box located by the left side entrance of the Town Hall (703 Washington Street). The polls will be open on Tuesday, November 3 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for **In Person Voting** in the Holliston High School (370 Hollis Street) Field House. Use of approved face coverings and observing physical distance is required for in person voting.

As you plan for the upcoming **Thanksgiving** holiday, the state has also issued <u>guidance</u> to help keep your friends, families and community safe during COVID-19. If you are considering travel, be aware of Massachusetts' COVID-19 travel order.

Curbside leaf pickup will be conducted by E.L. Harvey the week of November 30.

Holliston Youth & Family Services can be a resource during these stressful times. The Select Board recently approved a second round of short-term **rental or mortgage support** for eligible applicants; watch the Y&FS webpage for a new application period to open soon. The state also offers Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) and Emergency Rent and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) programs for incomeeligible households.

Protect yourself, your family, and your community.

#MaskUpMA

https://www.townofholliston.us/home/news/information-on-the-covid-19-virus

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