

COVID-19 TASKFORCE UPDATE – June 1, 2020

The following was prepared by Selectman Schwall and read at the beginning of the Board of Selectmen Meeting on June 1, 2020.

I want to begin today's update by recognizing a few residents who are truly making a positive difference in the lives of others. When the pandemic first hit the area we put out a call for masks to help protect our first responders, seniors, and those with compromised immune systems. Within hours of that request we heard from Helen and Tom Davis who were already busy making masks for local hospitals. Since that call the Davis', and the dedicated members of their sewing group, have made more than 3,500 masks. When the hospitals indicated a need for surgical style caps and ear savers, the Davis' designed the patterns and added these products to their donations. To date their group has produced over 250 caps and over 500 pairs of ear savers. Women and Infants Hospital called the donations "timely and lifesaving", and went on to say "their actions speak to the American spirit of a small town pulling together to make a difference for others", and wanted to let us know "those participating (in this effort) are heroes". Mariam Hospital expressed their gratitude for the donations and how the hospital's employees always look forward to their deliveries.

We join the hospitals in thanking the Davis' and the members of their sewing group for their determination, dedication, and compassion to all those who have benefited from their donations. Their actions speak to very best of what our Community represents; selflessly responding to the needs our neighbors. We are a better Community because they live here.

We look forward to the day when we can invite the Davis' and all the residents and business owners who have so generously stepped forward in these challenging times to a Selectmen's Meeting to personally and publicly thank them. Their donations of cotton face coverings, N-95 masks, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, safety glasses, etc. kept our first responders and seniors safe until we able to source enough PPE to meet the need.

The Numbers

Rehoboth as experienced 58 clinically diagnosed cases of COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic. This equates 460 cases per 100,000 in population.

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Please click on the link below for a more granular look at the statistics across the Commonwealth.

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/weekly-covid-19-public-health-report-june-3-2020/download>

Please click on the link below for the most updated daily dashboard as published by the Commonwealth

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-dashboard-june-5-2020/download>

This concludes the update for June 1, 2020