

The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Winter Storm Preparations



NOAA issued a Winter Weather Advisory for Hampshire County for the early morning on Friday, January 7, affecting the morning commute and cancelling school. The DPW Crews checked their equipment Thursday and were on the roads later that night. The state updates their traffic alerts regularly and drivers can Call 511 or visit <https://mass511.com>.

PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced this week they amended emergency use authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to:

- Expand use of a single booster dose to include use in individuals 12 - 15 years of age.
- Shorten the time between the completion of primary vaccination of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and a booster dose to at least five months.
- Allow a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised children 5 - 11 years of age.

Selectboard

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 18 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda and link will be posted on the town website: www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

Senior Center

The Senior Center reopens Jan. 10 with capacity limits and some cancellations. The Woodlawn Café will be closed temporarily. The daily congregate lunch program will remain a curbside pickup.

Police hiring

Potential employees must take the Massachusetts Civil Service exam on March 16, with an application deadline of Jan. 18. Visit www.southhadleypolice.org for more information.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Nomination papers will be available starting January 10 for town-wide offices. Nomination papers for Town Meeting will be available by January 24. Candidates may apply in person. Please check www.southhadley.org/620/Elections for updates on the schedule (including deadlines) and for information about the races, nomination process and notices to current Town Meeting members. The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, April 12. Town offices on the ballot for 2022 include:

- One Assessor member for a three-year term
- Two Board of Health members for three-year terms
- One Municipal Light Board member for a two-year term
- Two Municipal Light Board members for three-year terms
- One School Committee member for a one-year term
- One School Committee member for a three-year term
- One Selectboard member for a three-year term
- Three Trustee Free Public Library members for three-year terms
- Town Meeting`

This chart shows the latest vaccination rates for South Hadley. This and other state vaccine data are updated every week at www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-data-and-updates#daily-covid-19-vaccine-report. The town detected an 8 fold increase in COVID in the wastewater system between Dec 29 and Dec 31.

Age Group	Population	Individuals with at least one dose	Individuals with at least one dose per capita
5-11 Years	990	575	58%
12-15 Years	659	520	79%
16-19 Years	1,702	736	43%
20-29 Years	3,221	1,679	52%
30-49 Years	3,793	3,195	84%
50-64 Years	3,451	3,256	94%
65-74 Years	1,927	2,076	>95%
75+ Years	1,686	1,751	>95%
Total	18,076	13,788	76%