

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

*A summary of news, events, and other announcements for the week of January 31, 2022*



## TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION DELAYED ONE DAY DUE TO SNOW

Waste Management announced that all trash/recycling services will be delayed one day this week as a result of the snow. Read the updated schedule on page 3.

## DWWD ACHIEVES TIER 2 COMPLIANCE FOR TTHM IN DRINKING WATER

The Dedham – Westwood Water District has achieved compliance and is no longer in violation of a Tier 2 Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulation. Read their full update, starting on page 3.



## BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE – JANUARY 28, 2022

The Dedham Board of Health reports as of January 27, 2022, there have been a total of 4,738 total confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Dedham, and 78 new cases since the January 20, 2022. The full update is on page 4.





## DEADLINE TO RETURN NOMINATION PAPERS IS FEBRUARY 18, 2022

Nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022. Read page 5 for more information.

## PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

The Public Safety Building project team is continuing to enclose the building to continue the interior work throughout the winter season. Read what to expect this week on page 6.



## PUBLIC MEETINGS & UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

View this week's schedule, review posted agendas, and find out how to attend upcoming events and meetings on page 7.



## TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION DELAYED ONE DAY DUE TO SNOW

Waste Management has just announced that all trash/recycling services will be delayed one day this week as a result of the snow. There will be no collection on Monday, January 31, 2022. Please refer to the table below for the updated collection schedule this week:

Normal Collection Day	Delayed Collection Day (1/31 to 2/5)
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday
Friday	Saturday

[Use this link to download a copy of the January to June 2022 Trash/Recycling Schedule and Street Listing.](#)

## DWWD ACHIEVES TIER 2 COMPLIANCE FOR TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) IN DRINKING WATER

The following press release was provided to the Town of Dedham on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 by the Dedham-Westwood Water District. [Download a PDF copy using this link](#)

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 2/01/2022**

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### **THE DEDHAM-WESTWOOD WATER DISTRICT HAS ACHIEVED TIER 2 COMPLIANCE FOR TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES**

Dedham, MA – The Dedham – Westwood Water District is pleased to announce that we have achieved compliance and are no longer in violation of a Tier 2 Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulation. Together, our team of water professionals executed a plan to reduce the locational running annual average (LRAA) for total trihalomethanes (TTHM) in the public drinking water supply, including flushing the water distribution system, blending water from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), and continually sampling and monitoring the levels of TTHM in the water to ensure our actions were having an impact and to protect public health and safety.

*Press Release continued on page 4*

## DWWD ACHIEVES TIER 2 COMPLIANCE FOR TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) IN DRINKING WATER (CONTINUED)

### TTHM Compliance

Sample Location	Q2 (Apr - Jun)		Q3 (Jul - Sep)		Q4 (Oct - Dec)		Q1 (Jan - Mar)		OEL	LR
	Date	ppb	Date	ppb	Date	ppb	Date	ppb	Q1	
Dedham Medical Associates	4/6/2021	58	7/8/2021	89	10/7/2021	118	1/6/2022	24	64	73
Getty Gas Station	4/6/2021	33	7/8/2021	46	10/7/2021	81	1/6/2022	57	60	54
East Dedham Fire Station	4/6/2021	45	7/8/2021	64	10/7/2021	42	1/6/2022	24	39	44
Far Reach Pump Station	4/6/2021	58	7/8/2021	89	10/7/2021	109	1/6/2022	23	61	70
	MCL = 80 (ppb)		Was OEL exceeded			NO	Was the MCL exceeded			NC

TTHMs are a group of disinfection byproducts that form when chlorine compounds, which are used to disinfect water, react with other naturally occurring chemicals in the water. They are colorless and will evaporate out into the air. There are four significant TTHM (chloroform, bromoform, bromodichloromethane, and dibromochloromethane) potentially found in disinfected drinking water and their combined concentration is referred to as total TTHM.

The Dedham-Westwood Water District is working with the MWRA to continue to blend the water supply, while our consultant, Weston & Sampson is in the process of designing an enhance treatment process to our Bridge Street Water Treatment Plant that includes the installation of tank mixers, aerators, and vents. We anticipate implementing the procurement process to begin in the spring of 2022, with construction to follow later in the year.

We will continue to monitor the public drinking water supply for all regulated inorganic substances, synthetic organics, volatile organic compounds (vocs), Total Coliform, e.coli bacteria, unregulated (secondary) substances, organic disinfection byproducts, radionuclides, as well as lead and copper. Our team is committed to providing clean, safe water. As stewards of this valuable resource, we take our job to protect public health and safety seriously. Our team of 30+ professionals work around the clock to provide reliable, cost-effective, high-quality water service that protects public health, promotes environmental stewardship, maintains customer confidence, and supports economic development and sustainability.

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Previous Updates from DWWD:

- **December 6, 2021: Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation Update:12/3/21**
- **November 10, 2021: Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation Update: 11/10/2021**
- **November 4, 2021: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE – JANUARY 28, 2022

Below please find COVID-19 information as of January 27, 2022. More statistics can be found on [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).

	Total Cases	New Cases	14-day Percent Positivity	Fully Vaccinated Residents
Dedham	4,738	78 (since January 20, 2022)	17.67%	19,815
MA	1,457,699	7,918 (on January 26, 2022)	20.61%	5,188,134

## BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE – JANUARY 28, 2022 (CONTINUED)

**NOTE:** The numbers in the table above do not include people who tested positive with at-home antigen tests.

### Decline in COVID-19 Cases Observed in Town and Across Commonwealth

There has been a decline in COVID-19 cases in Dedham over the last few weeks. This is in line with trends seen across the Commonwealth. The chart below shows a surge in Dedham cases after the holidays and a steady decrease since then. Please note: these numbers do not include Dedham residents who test positive with at-home antigen tests.

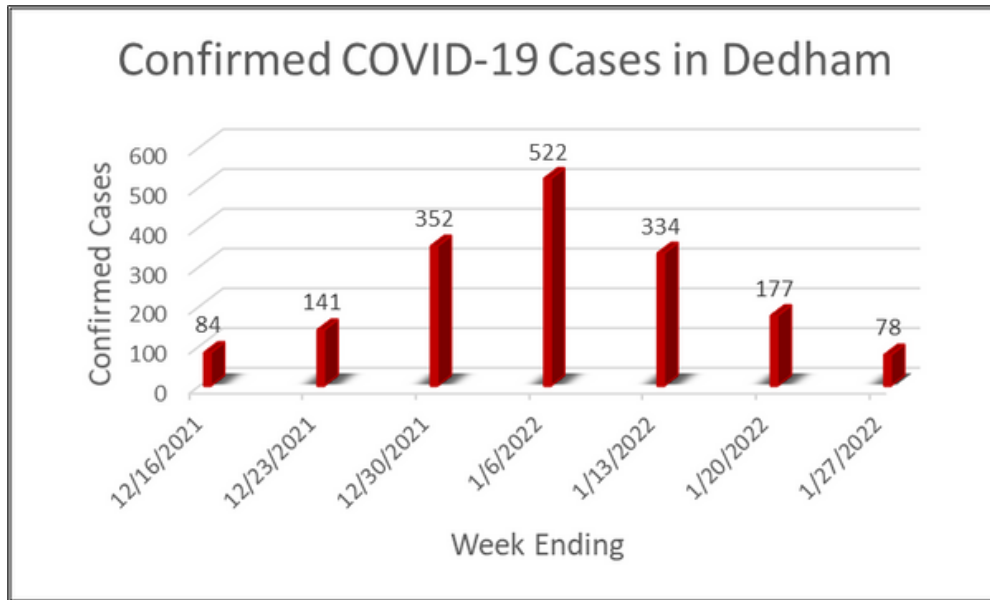


Figure 1: Bar chart showing the total number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Dedham, from December 16, 2021 to January 27, 2022.

### COVID-19 Vaccine

Residents 5 years and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine and residents 12 years and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 booster. The Board encourages anyone who is eligible to get vaccinated. Vaccine appointments can be scheduled at [vaxfinder.mass.gov/](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/).

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### Are you running for Town Office?

Visit the Town Clerk's Office on the second floor of Town Hall to pick up nomination papers. Each interested candidate must file a written statement with the Town Clerk that includes name, address, and the position he/she/they intend to be a candidate. The **open positions on the April 9, 2022 ballot are listed below:**

- Select Board (Two positions, 3-year terms)
- School Committee (Two positions, 3-year terms)
- Planning Board (One position, 5-year term)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (One position, 3-year term)
- Board of Library Trustees (Two positions, 3-year terms)
- Board of Assessors (Two positions, 1-year term and 3-year term)
- Board of Health (One position, 3-year term)
- Commissioners of Trust Funds (Two positions, 3-year terms)

## DEADLINE TO RETURN NOMINATION PAPERS IS FEBRUARY 18, 2022 (CONTINUED)

Positions for Town Meeting Representatives will also be on the April 9, 2022 ballot, as follows:

- Precinct 1 (Not more than 39 positions, 3-year terms)
- Precinct 2 (Not more than 39 positions, 3-year terms)
- Precinct 3 (Not more than 39 positions, 3-year terms)
- Precinct 4 (Not more than 13 positions, 3-year terms)
- Precinct 4 (Not more than 1 position, 2-year term)
- Precinct 5 (Not more than 39 positions, 3-year terms)
- Precinct 6 (Not more than 39 positions, 3-year terms)
- Precinct 7 (Not more than 39 positions, 3-year terms)

### Major Office:

Candidates for major office are required to have 50 signatures certified to appear on the ballot. All candidates are encouraged to obtain more than 50 signatures from registered voters, townwide.

### Town Meeting Representative:

Written notice to become candidates for re-election must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022 (Chapter 53, Section 10). Candidates running for Town Meeting Representative are required to have 10 signatures certified to appear on the ballot. All candidates are encouraged to obtain more than 10 signatures from registered voters from your voting precinct only.

## PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATES

**What to expect January 31, 2022 (Monday) through February 4, 2022 (Friday):**

- The project site remains closed to the public.
- Crews will continue mechanical, electrical, fire protection, and plumbing installations this week.
- Installation of the stormwater infiltration system will continue this week.
- Installation of Stair #1 is underway.
- Repairs to the elevator shaft are nearing completion and the anticipated delivery date of the elevator is March 1, 2022.
- The 4-inch construction masonry unit walls are being installed in the garage and the work will continue this week.
- Eversource crews will be onsite to relocate the existing overhead utility wires from the existing poles to the newly installed poles.
- Roofers will continue to install the roof framing and parapet walls at the edges of the roof. Roof installation has begun on the high Police roof and will continue this week.
- Crews will continue the installation of air and vapor barriers along the eastern side of the building this week.
- Expect periodic entrance and exit of large trucks at the project site entrance, located at the intersection of Washington Street and Bryant Street. Please expect minor traffic delays at this intersection.
- No additional traffic impacts or pedestrian impacts are anticipated during this week.

*Click on the image below to enlarge*



**Caption:** Photo of the active construction site taken from the north entrance to Town Hall on Friday, January 28, 2022.

### Project Team Contact Information:

Immediate issues or concerns, please contact the Dedham Town Manager's Office at **781-751-9100**.

For general questions or concerns, please contact the project team at [psb@dedham-ma.gov](mailto:psb@dedham-ma.gov)

For more information about the Public Safety Building Project, please visit the project website at

[www.dedham-ma.gov/psb](http://www.dedham-ma.gov/psb)

Download our [project team contact information flyer](#) on the project website.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS & COMMUNITY EVENTS THIS WEEK

Agendas and event information are linked below. Meeting information is also available on our website calendar



### Tuesday 2/1/22:

- **Open Space and Recreation Committee** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### Wednesday 2/2/22:

- **Active Transportation Working Group** at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **School Committee** at 7:00 p.m. at the Avery Elementary School
- **Design Review Advisory Board** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

### Thursday, 2/3/22:

- **Select Board** at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Board of Library Trustees** at 7:00 p.m. at the Dedham Public Library – Main Library (43 Church Street)
- **Conservation Commission** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Events shown as listed on the Town calendar as of 2/1/22. Don't forget to check out the **Dedham Public Library events calendar** and the **Dedham Public Schools calendar**!

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