



TOWN OF CONCORD

Office of the Town Manager

Operational Status Reports & Departmental Updates

For the Week Ending January 13, 2023

General Administration

Preparations are ongoing for **Special Town Meeting on January 19, 2023**, at 7p.m.

Simultaneously, work has begun on Annual Town Meeting to be held on April 30. The Special Town Meeting warrant consists of five articles, including Article 5 which seeks the authorization to borrow an additional \$7.2 million for the Concord Middle School project. More information on Special Town Meeting can be at the [link](#).



Public Safety

Police Department

Activity Log January 5-12

Log items	804
Traffic Enforcement	71
Motor Vehicle Stops	122
MV Crashes and/or Paper Exchanges	10
Arrests	0

Training/Professional Development

Detective Sergeant Young, Detective Harrington, Detective Paladino, and Detective Rodriguez attended a three-hour presentation by the FBI on Crypto Currency at the Acton Police Department.

Traffic Safety

Officer McGonagle and Officer LaCure assisted with the Massachusetts State Police Sobriety Checkpoint on Route 2 near the Concord State Police Barracks.

Community

Over the weekend of January 6, officers assisted Concord Indivisible with their candlelight vigil on Friday in Monument Square, followed by a rally on Saturday at the First Parish Church. Assistance was provided by Chief Mulcahy, Lieutenant Goldman, Detective Paladino, Detective Rodriguez, Sergeant Connell, and Officer Bordenca.

Department of Planning and Land Management

Planning

- **Transportation and Mobility:** After meeting with the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS), we are excited to report a work plan by CTPS to study and find short term solutions such as signal retiming, improved signage and pedestrian signaling, improved paint lines, improved crossing islands, or other solutions for crossing Route 2 at ORNAC and at Main Street/Rt 62 while a longer-term solution is discussed. This is an initial step to create safer pedestrian and bicycle crossing opportunities that will increase multi-modal transportation options in Concord.
- **Shared Streets and Spaces:** A virtual public forum will be held on January 17th at 7pm for the community to learn more about the proposed redesign of the intersection at Main and Walden streets. This project is funded by a MDOT Shared Streets and Spaces grant and is anticipated to increase pedestrian safety at the Concord Center intersection. A site visit will take place the following morning, January 18th, at 9am at Main and Walden.
- **Community Preservation Committee:** This week, the CPC approved a new Procedures Manual to supplement the Community Preservation Plan.

Economic Vitality & Tourism

- During the final week of December, over 50 people took the Concord Family History Walking Tour – a tour specifically designed to be a 45-minute, family-friendly overview of Concord.
- The Visitor Center is now closed to the public, but assistance is always available online, at the brochure rack, and by ringing the Visitor Center doorbell when the Tourism Manager is 'IN'.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC FORUM
Main and Walden Safety Improvements
January 17th - 7PM

As is Today Design Rendering

Learn about the proposed safety improvements and more at the intersection of Main and Walden Streets funded through the Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Program

Site Visit: January 18th, 9am, Intersection of Main and Walden

Learn more and join the virtual public forum at concordma.gov/2022sharedstreets

- The first bus tour group of 2023 arrived from Alabama on January 3rd, which was led by Tour Guide Joe Palumbo.

Building Inspections

- **Permits and Inspections update:** Since December 15th, Building Inspections staff has issued 42 building permits, 53 electrical permits, 20 plumbing permits and 23 gas permits. During the same period, 75 building inspections, 77 electrical inspections and 57 plumbing and gas inspections were conducted.
- **Energy Conservation update:** On January 1st, Massachusetts transitioned to the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code, requiring new homes, new commercial buildings and large additions and renovations to be more energy efficient than what was required in the previous code cycle.

Health

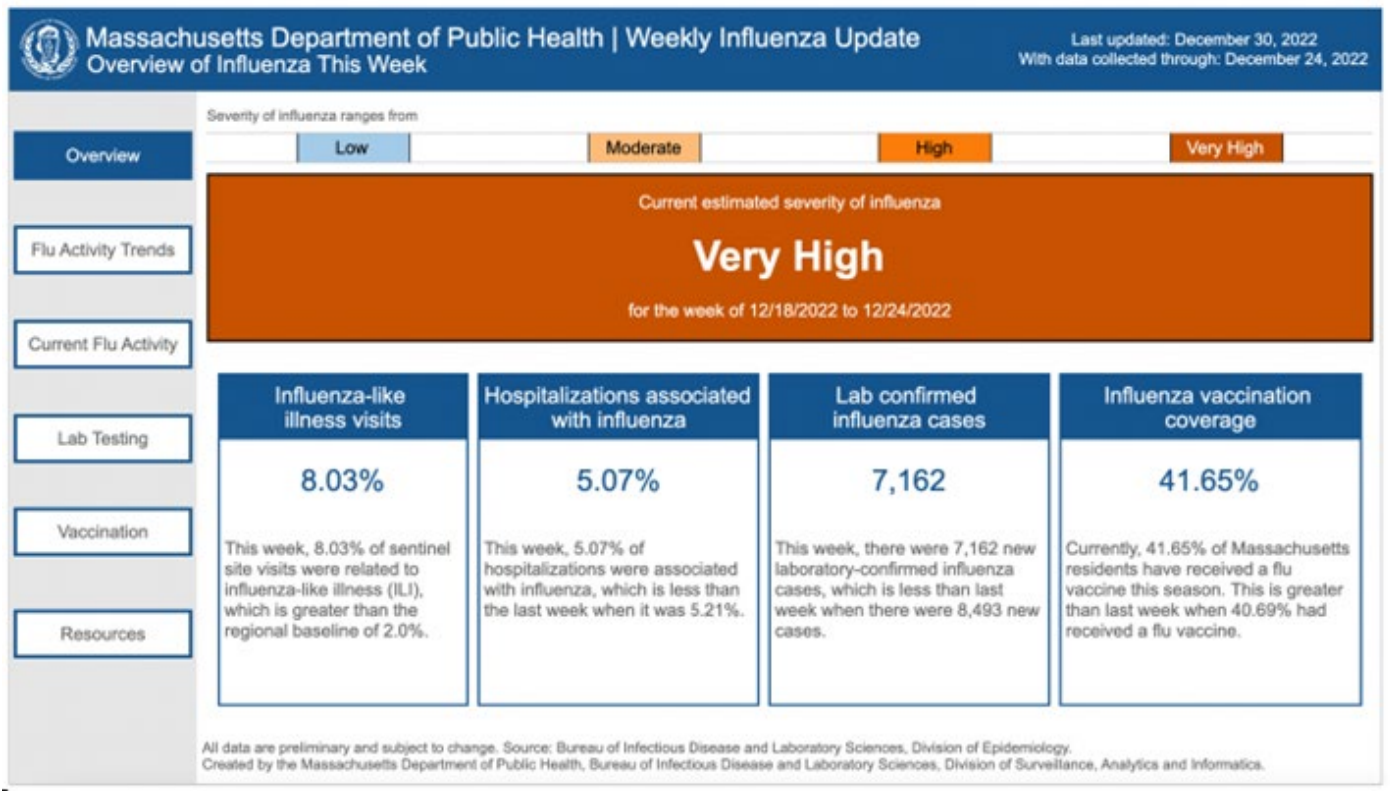
- This week in the Health Division there has been one food borne illness complaint, which is under investigation.
- The Division has signed off on the last of the standard paper applications to complete the Health Division's transition in Permit-eyes. Stakeholders will be notified as soon as Forms A, C, and S are live.

Concord Covid-19 Data:

- % of Positive Cases (Past 14 days):
 - Concord: 6.87%
 - Middlesex County: 9.77%
 - MA: 9.92%
- 14- Day Incidence Rate (per 100,000) in Concord: 11.6
- Total Molecular Tests (past 14 days): 451
- Case Counts (7 days) Confirmed and Probable: 16
 - Community: 16
 - Long-Term/Health Care Facilities: 0
- NOTE: Most Long-term care facilities do not have the ability to report into MAVEN for a home antigen test, and most residents are testing via home antigen tests, and are NOT reported into MAVEN.

Concord Influenza Data:

- # Of Flu cases in past 30 days: 24



Concord Public Works

- **Roadside Sight-Line Maintenance** – The Highway & Grounds crews are taking advantage of the milder weather to continue to perform sight line maintenance throughout Town. Work is completed using line trimmers and hand tools.
- **Mattress Recycling** – Although the Compost Site is closed for the winter season, Concord residents can still schedule an appointment to drop-off their used mattress for recycling. For details, please call Concord Public Works at 978-318-3240, or visit www.concordma.gov/mattress
- **Phase 2, Nagog Pond - Intake Rehabilitation:** The Town has retained the services of D&C Construction to clean, CCTV inspect, and install rehabilitation pipeline within the remaining 1,100 linear feet of original 16-inch intake piping within the limits of the Nagog Pond Cove. This rehabilitation work will be done in lieu of removing and replacing the intake pipeline inside the Nagog Pond Cove. No Cove dewatering or dredging is anticipated as part of this Phase 2 work. A preconstruction meeting was held on January 12th with project schedule to be provided shortly.

Personnel News

A reception was held Monday, January 9 for retiring Facilities team member Steve Dowling, who worked for the town for over 15 years. We thank Steve for his excellent service to the town and wish him all the best.

Project Updates

- Installed new concrete pad for condensers and VRF stands at 37 Knox Trail.
- Installed new Therapy Pool heat exchanger and pump at the Beede Center.
- Replaced fire alarm and EBU and emergency light batteries at 55 Church Street.
- Completed insurance inspection of Gerow restroom building and White Pond boardwalk.

