

City of Newton, MA



**Public Health**  
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## September News from HHS

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### COVID-19 Vaccines

As we approach the end of summer and the beginning of the school year, we urge everyone in the Newton community to do their part and get vaccinated if you are over age 12. Vaccines remain our best tool in protecting ourselves and our community from COVID-19. If you are looking for a COVID-19 vaccination, please visit [vaxfinder.mass.gov](https://vaxfinder.mass.gov) for a list of vaccination sites and to schedule an appointment.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics will be held at Newton North and Newton South High Schools. Clinics are open to anyone over the age of 12, however anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult or have the state's consent form filled out.

# COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic!

## Newton North High School

Location: Cafeteria

Saturday September 11, 8am - 12pm

Saturday October 2, 8am - 12pm

North Sign Up Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/NEWTONNORTHVAX>

## Newton South High School

Location: Gymnasium

Saturday September 11, 8am - 12pm

Saturday October 2, 8am - 12pm

South Sign Up Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/NEWTONSOUTHVAX>

Clinics are open to anyone over age 12.  
Anyone under the age of 18 needs to be accompanied  
by an adult or have the state's consent form filled out  
which is available [here](#).

[Register for Newton North Clinic](#)

[Register for Newton South Clinic](#)

[MA State Consent Form](#)

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## Youth Services 2021 Summer Internship Program!

This past summer the City of Newton Summer Internship program successfully placed 24 young people in work-based learning experiences within 12 community organizations, businesses, and City Departments within Newton, both in person and hybrid.

The summer internship program was a five-week program that provided hands-on learning experience, paired with soft skill building, career exploration and financial literacy workshops. We would like to congratulate the interns for successfully completing the program and demonstrating perseverance and



commitment.

We would also like to thank our community partners and placement supervisors, MassHire Metro South/West, Newton Public Schools, Newton Community Development Foundation, West Suburban YMCA, New Art Center, City of Newton- Planning Department, Green Newton, Sandwich Works, Historic Newton, Newton Housing Authority, Health & Human Services, Newton Grab & Go Program, Newton Free Library, and Newton Wellesley Hospital.



Photos:

(Top) Lucy, HHS intern, adding a little fun to the Grab & Go program at Newton North.

(Right) Kayla & Jesse, Planning Department interns engaging with the community around village redesign.

(Left) Chelize & Sephora interns with NCDF Youth Coordinator India Arnold, playing games with the youth of NCDF's summer youth program.

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## Upcoming Program



# How to Help & Be Helped: Recognizing Unhealthy Relationships and Finding Support

REACH will run a  
**CONFIDENTIAL LIVE CHAT**  
during the program to  
answer any questions and  
provide immediate support.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Join Mayor Fuller, REACH, The Second Step, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, and Jewish Families & Children Services to learn about different kinds of abuse, how to safely assist someone in a controlling relationship, and where to find support resources in Newton.



**Thursday, September 30th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

Register for this webinar at:  
[www.newtonma.gov/socialservices](http://www.newtonma.gov/socialservices)

[Register for this webinar](#)

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## COVID-19 Housing Assistance

Whether you are a tenant, homeowner, or landlord there are resources to help you. Please see below for a list of housing assistance programs and our Social Services team is available to help you apply - call 617-796-1420 or go online to [www.newtonma.gov/socialservices](http://www.newtonma.gov/socialservices).

# COVID-19 EMERGENCY SERVICES RESOURCE GUIDE

## COVID-19 HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Assistance for Tenants, Homeowners, and Landlords

Social Services staff is available to help you apply to these programs.

### METRO HOUSING BOSTON

Rent Relief, Mortgage Assistance, Utility Arrears, and Eviction Prevention:

- RAFT (Residential Assistance for Families in Transition)
- ERMA (Emergency Rent and Mortgage Assistance)
- ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program)

These programs help low-income renters and owners achieve housing stability.

[www.metrohousingboston.org](http://www.metrohousingboston.org)  
617-859-0400

### MASSACHUSETTS COVID EVICTION LEGAL HELP PROJECT (TENANTS & LANDLORDS)

The Massachusetts COVID Eviction Legal Help Project gives free legal help to low-income tenants and to low-income owner occupants of 2 or 3-family homes.

[www.evictionlegalhelp.org](http://www.evictionlegalhelp.org)  
[www.gbls.org/get-legal-help](http://www.gbls.org/get-legal-help)  
617-603-1807

### THE BROOKLINE CENTER

The Brookline Center supports individuals and families who are experiencing or at-risk of becoming homeless through short-term and medium-term rental assistance, security deposit, moving costs, utility payments, application fees, and case management.

[www.brooklinecenter.org](http://www.brooklinecenter.org)  
617-277-8107

### THE HORACE INDUSTRIAL COUSENS FUND

Provides emergency utility and rental payments to low- and moderate- income Newton residents who are at-risk of becoming homeless and / or experiencing utility shut-off.

[cousendsfund@newtonma.gov](mailto:cousendsfund@newtonma.gov)  
617-796-1324



\*For more resources visit:

[www.newtonma.gov/housinghelp](http://www.newtonma.gov/housinghelp)

[Click here for more housing resources](#)

## Suicide Prevention Awareness Month





September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. While suicide prevention is important year-round, this time provides the opportunity to shine a light on the many resources and support available to anyone struggling. You are never alone.

- If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call 911 immediately.
- If you are in crisis or are experiencing difficult or suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273 TALK (8255)
- If you're uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can also text NAMI to 741-741 to be connected to a free, trained crisis counselor on the Crisis Text Line.

## Grab & Go Will Continue Through the Fall

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 10-12 Grab & Go 12-7 Newton Food Pantry	2	3 10-12 Grab & Go 11-1 Arabic Baptist Food Pantry	4 11:30-2:00 Centre St. Food Pantry
5	6 CLOSED LABOR DAY	7 2:30-6:00 Centre St. Food Pantry	8 10-12 Grab & Go 12-7 Newton Food Pantry	9	10 10-12 Grab & Go	11
12	13 10-12 Grab & Go	14 2:30-6:00 Centre St. Food Pantry	15 10-12 Grab & Go 12-7 Newton Food Pantry	16	17 10-12 Grab & Go 1-2 CSFP (Senior Center) 10-11 Mobile Market (Post 440)	18
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**CSFP-APPT ONLY**  
(Commodity Supplemental Food Program)  
Residents age 60+ Income guidelines  
Call Emily Kuhl for info:  
617-796-1672

**Grab & Go Details:**  
*Mon-Wed-Fri 10am-12 Noon*  
**Newton North** (theater entrance)  
**Newton South** (lot on the right under the overhang)

**Newton Food Pantry** 1000 Comm. Ave. 617-796-1233  
newtonfoodpantry@gmail.com (shop 2x/month)  
12 PM - 3 PM By Appointment Only  
3 PM - 7 PM Walk-Ins  
**Centre St. Food Pantry** 11 Homer St. 617-340-9554  
info@centrestfoodpantry.org (shop 1x/month)  
**Arabic Baptist Food Pantry** 187 Church St. 617-725-9766  
arabicbaptistboston@gmail.com(shop 2x/month)

**Questions or Feedback?**  
E-mail [health@newtonma.gov](mailto:health@newtonma.gov) or call (617) 796-1420

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