

## COVID-19 Update May 18, 2020 9:00 PM



Current information about the Town of Acton's response to the COVID-19 situation

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Current information about the Town of Acton's response to the COVID-19 situation

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## **COVID-19 Updates for May 11, 2020 9:30 PM**

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## **COVID-19 Updates for May 8, 2020 10:00 PM**

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## COVID-19 Updates for May 5, 2020 5:30 PM

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### Confirmed Cases

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## COVID-19 Updates for May 3, 2020

### Confirmed Cases

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## COVID-19 Updates for May 2, 2020 7:00 PM

## Confirmed Cases

- **96** total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Acton have been reported from the Mass Department of Public Health to the Town of Acton. Of these there are currently **53** cases in isolation that are actively being monitored.

## COVID-19 Updates for May 1, 2020

### Confirmed Cases

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