



# TOWN OF CARLISLE, MASSACHUSETTS

## COVID Safety Protocols For Annual Town Meeting April 25, 2022

April 20, 2022 (updated)

The annual town meeting scheduled for April 25, 2022, 6:00 PM, will take place in person at the Corey Auditorium at the Carlisle Public Schools. (Note the new, earlier start time.)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and Omicron/BA2 variant circulation in the region, your Town Moderator and Board of Health have been in consultation to devise appropriate safety measures.

We ***strongly recommend*** the following individual behavior for all attendees:

- *Before:* Self-test with COVID-19 Antigen rapid test at home. (Note: it's best to test the same day of the meeting, or same day and prior day for two-step tests).
- *Bring:* Wear a face mask (ideally N95/KN95)
- *During:* Physical distancing.

To assist with the above, the Board of Health and Moderator have arranged the following:

- FREE COVID-19 Antigen test kits will be made available to registered voters at the Health Dept in Town Hall, beginning April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 for registered voters. (Supplies limited).
- The rear area of the auditorium and the school cafeteria will both be open and designated for greater physical distancing for attendees at higher risk. (Total seating capacity in the two rooms is at least three times the expected turnout.)
- "Mask Islands" will be designated for those attendees who would like to sit only near others who are wearing masks.
- Portable HEPA air filters will be located in the cafeteria.

If you already have COVID-19 antigen tests, be sure to check the expiration dates on the box, but don't panic if they appear to have or will soon expire. Expiration dates for many such tests have been extended by the FDA (e.g. BinaxNOW and iHealth, among others, have been extended by 3 months). Check [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov) or the manufacturer's website for more information.

We will continue to monitor the situation. Check [carlislema.gov](https://www.carlislema.gov) for updates.

We thank you for respecting these guidelines so that all in attendance can feel safe and welcome.

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