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As concerns rise over the Coronavirus (COVID-19), town officials would like to take this opportunity to provide Southborough residents, town employees, businesses and the general public with an update on some of the measures that have been taken to date in regards to COVID-19.

Information about the coronavirus is evolving, and the situation remains dynamic. The Town of Southborough continues to be in contact with state officials, emergency management teams and board of health representatives to discuss plans daily and would like to share the following information:

Are there any cases of COVID-19 in Southborough?

As of March 17, 2020, at 10:00 AM, there are no positive cases of COVID-19 for residents of Southborough.

Are there any Town services that are changing as a result of COVID-19?

In addition to the previously announced closings of Town buildings to the public, the following are service updates, listed by department:

Building Department

In order to protect staff and residents alike from community spread of COVID-19, the Building Department will be limiting inspections to "essential" inspections only, effective immediately. "Essential" inspections include, but not limited to:

- New Construction of homes where no one is living.
- Any of the following systems that are not able to be operational unless there is an inspection:
 - Kitchen facilities
 - Bathroom facilities
 - Water supply
 - Hot water supply
 - Heating facilities
- Other inspections as determined by the Building Commissioner.

This information can also be found on the Town website at the following link:

<https://www.southboroughtown.com/buildingzoning-department/bulletins/effective-immediately-limited-inspections-during-corona-virus>.

Public Works

In the Public Notice updated dated March 16, 2020, it was announced that Public Works was closed to the public. This has caused some confusion with regards to the Transfer Station. To clarify, the Public Works administrative offices are closed to the public, as is the Swap Shop. The Transfer Station

remains open and available to permitted residents on its regular schedule. Apologies for any confusion.

Technology

IT Manager Tom Laflamme is working to provide a virtual meeting solution that is consistent with the Governor's Emergency Order on March 12, 2020, so that essential government meetings can be held while maintaining the desired social distancing. More information to come.

Youth and Family Services

Director Sarah Cassell and her staff are trying to find ways to provide services to clients through online and other means, in order to limit social interactions during this pandemic. You are able to keep up to date on this and other issues pertaining to Youth & Family Services, as well as find out how to access these services, at the following link: <https://www.southboroughtown.com/youth-and-family-services>.

Where can I find more information?

The official source of information from the Town of Southborough is the Town website

[<https://www.southboroughtown.com/>] and Town Twitter account [[@17Common](#)]

Go to <https://www.southboroughtown.com/subscribe> to sign up for E-alerts through the Town website.

Go to <https://www.southboroughtown.com/home/pages/code-red> to register for CodeRed through the Town website

The Board of Health page can be found at: <https://www.southboroughtown.com/board-health>

- [CDC COVID 19 Information](#)
- **COVID 19 Fact Sheet** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>
- **COVID 19 FAQ'S** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>
- [CDC Guidance on Stigma and Resilience](#)
- [World Health Organization COVID 19 Information](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health's New Coronavirus Website](#)
- [Talking to Children About Covid-19--National Association of School Psychologists](#)

We will continue to monitor this situation closely and provide ongoing updates on the town website and on social media outlets.