

INFORMATIONAL RELEASE

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RE: Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

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Residents may go to the following link to review previously published COVID19 information  
<https://www.sandown.us/health-department/pages/covid-19-information>

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**The Town of Sandown will commence with weekly updates unless new information is received that warrants an immediate update**

**Updated 5/14/20 Town Modifications:**

- There will NOT be a Board of Selectman meeting Monday, May 18.
- All Town Buildings remain closed to the public.
- The Board of Selectmen and the Emergency Management Director met last week and will meet again next week on May 20. They are actively working on a re-opening plan for town departments. This will be a phased process and will closely follow recommendations and orders of the Governor.
- ALL Town business should be conducted virtually. Town Hall has a locked drop box at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office entrance which faces the Fire Station. Paperwork can be left in this box and will be checked often throughout the day.
- Contact Town Hall at 887-3646 or [townofsandown@sandown.us](mailto:townofsandown@sandown.us). If you cannot or are unsure how to conduct your business online and someone will assist you.
- All Town Offices will be closed for all business on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. The annual Memorial Day Service at the Center Cemetery has been canceled this year due to COVID-19. Channel 17 will be running reruns of previous years.
- The Sandown Transfer Station remains OPEN currently.
- We ask for your continued patience doing business with the Town Offices. Staff is returning to regular hours with the exception of Monday evening. However, there may be a slight delay in answering your questions, returning your phone call or processing your paperwork as things are getting caught up. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you. There is currently a small back log on processing registrations, but office staff is working as quickly as possible to get those registrations mailed back to you.

Residents are reminded that visits to the hospital for emergent symptoms are still safe and at times, necessary.

Those symptoms that may require emergency medical attention include:

- Chest pain
- Sudden dizziness, weakness or numbness in limbs
- Trouble breathing
- Severe stomach or side pain
- Broken bones
- Head injuries

Hospitals are taking extreme measures to ensure your safety should you need to be seen.

Some of these measures include:

- Isolation of suspected or confirmed COVID 19 patients from others in the ER
- Stringent disinfecting of treatment areas between patients
- Screening and temperature checks for staff, patients, visitors
- Access restrictions and strict visitation policy
- Use of masks for staff, patients and visitors

***ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1 IF THERE IS A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY***

**Residents are encouraged to obtain factual up to date information from official state and local suggested sources, not social media.**

**RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED MORE THEN EVER TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND HAND HYGIENE.**