



INFORMATIONAL RELEASE

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RE: Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

The Town of Sandown is actively engaged and continuously monitoring the progress of COVID-19. Town Officials are working closely with First Responders to include Sandown Fire-Rescue and Sandown Police, partner agencies at the local, state, and federal level to take necessary precautions as suggested by the latest and ever changing guidance provided by Center for Disease Control and NH Dept. Of Health and Human Services to reduce the transmission of Coronavirus. We will continue to keep you informed as the situation changes, understanding that the current Coronoavirus situation is fluid, ever changing, and constantly evolving.

In the interest of public safety, The Board of Selectmen have postponed or cancelled all activities other than town business at Town Hall, and Ed Garvey Recreation Building through March 28, 2020. The Sandown Public Library will also be closed until March 28th. We will re-evaluate in two weeks and may extend this time period if the guidance at that time suggests it would be beneficial. We understand this may create some inconvenience, and we thank you for your patience.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office is encouraging ALL people who have the capability of doing automobile registration renewals and estimates, tax payments, vital records, boat registration renewals and dog registrations either online or by mail. As of today, the office hours will remain the same but may be subject to change. We encourage residents to practice social distancing, frequent handwashing and limiting gatherings. We realize some things cannot be done online and an office visit is the only means of completing your transactions. Please be vigilant in staying home if you are showing symptoms of sickness such as cough, fever, or flu like symptoms. Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the State of New Hampshire informational line by dialing 211 or visiting www.211nh.org. For town specific questions, you may contact Town Hall at 603-887-3646 Ext. 1 during normal business hours if you need assistance in completing online transactions. We will do our best to help all residents.

People who develop symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath should seek health care advice by phone from either the NH Division of Public Health and Human Services at 603-271-4496 or call your primary care physicians office for guidance

Visit the Sandown webpage www.sandown.us for ongoing updates and information.

NHDPHHS website: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

U.S. CDC website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/index.htm>

Town of Sandown website: <https://www.sandown.us/>

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call 211 from cellular or landline telephones
Sandown Town Hall 603-887-3646

NH Dept. of Health and Human Services 603-271-4496

Media Contact: Sandown Fire Rescue Captain Jon Goldman jgoldman@sandown.us

The following are steps the public can take to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19, as well as influenza and other respiratory illness, in general:

- Wash your hands often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water;
- Avoid close social contact and contact with people who are sick;
- If you get sick, stay home from work, school, or daycare until your fever has been gone for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze and throw tissues in the trash after use;
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that may be contaminated, such as shared dining areas and doorknobs, and all frequently used surfaces; and
- Adhere to all travel advisories issued at a federal level.

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