

INFORMATIONAL RELEASE

Date: March 16, 2020 4:00 PM

RE: Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

The Town of Sandown commits to providing updates at a minimum of every 48 hours commencing at 4:00 PM today, March 16, 2020.

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

Executive Order 2020-04 Declaring a State of Emergency

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/orders-2020/documents/2020-04.pdf>

COVID-19 Testing: The State of NH DHHS is reporting that there is **NO** capacity issue for testing individuals for COVID-19. However, currently testing is **only** available in coordination, by the authority of a Medical Doctor. Residents **must** coordinate with their primary care physician, or local hospital for testing, if testing is indicated.

Town Modifications:

- All non-essential activity at the **Town Hall** has been postponed
- All activity at the **Edward Garvey Recreation Building** has been postponed
- All **Parks and Recreation** activities and programs have been postponed
 - At this time residents can utilize and are encouraged to use outdoor parks and the town forest for fresh air and recreational activities
- The **Sandown Public Library Building** will be closed to the public until March 28.
 - Additionally, once reopened, there will be NO library hosted programs through April 27
 - Beginning 3/17 **the Sandown Public Library will be offering curbside services** to pick up and drop off library materials during regular business hours. You may go to www.sandownlibrary.us to order materials for delivery to your car and call 887-3428 from the parking lot to coordinate pickup.
- The **Sandown Fire-Rescue Fireman's Association** Rabies Clinic scheduled for 3/28 has been postponed until 5/2 from 10:00-2:00 at the Fire Station
- During the currently scheduled three-week closure of TRSD, all residents are encouraged to stop sleepovers, play dates, family trips to the mall and gatherings to promote social distancing, and #FlattenTheCurve

Above timeframes may be extended or reduced, upon guidance from state officials

The Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office has installed temporary plexiglass barriers at the windows to help prevent transfer of respiratory droplets and is encouraging anyone who has 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 as posted. *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 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***

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/>

Sandown Town Hall 603-887-3646

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

Public Information Officer: Sandown Fire Rescue Captain Jon Goldman
[*jgoldman@sandown.us*](mailto:jgoldman@sandown.us)

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