

INFORMATIONAL RELEASE

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RE: Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

Release: #3

The Town of Sandown commits to providing updates at a minimum of every 48 hours commencing or sooner if necessary.

Governor Christopher T. Sununu releases three emergency orders pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04:

Emergency Order #3: All providers of electric, gas, water, telephone, cable, VOIP, internet service, and deliverable fuel services will be prohibited from disconnecting or discontinuing service for non-payments for the duration of the State of Emergency.

Emergency Order #4: Landlords will not be allowed to start eviction proceedings for those unable to pay due to their financial situations. To do so would be against the law. All judicial and non-judicial foreclosure actions will also be prohibited during the state of emergency.

Emergency Order #5: Individuals who are unable to work or who have reduced hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic will have immediate access to unemployment benefits. Anyone in the following situations will now be eligible for state unemployment: If your employer temporarily closes due to COVID-19; Individuals that need to self-quarantine or are directed to quarantine at the instruction of a health care provider, employer or government official; Individuals that need to care for a family member that has COVID-19 or is under quarantine; Individuals that need to care for a dependent because of school closures, child care facility closures or other similar types of care programs; Self-employed individuals that are temporarily unable to operate their business because of any of the above listed situations will also be eligible.

BREAKING NEWS (just to bring some levity to the situation)

For those who are unable to follow breaking news, it is reported that New England Patriots Quarterback Tom Brady is leaving the Patriots. It is reported he will be continuing his football career "elsewhere"

Updated 3/17/20 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** programs have been postponed
 - *To support social distancing, the Sandown Recreation Department is virtually hosting a "Shamrock Hunt." This event encourages families and others to participate in a coordinated hunt for Shamrocks. Click the link for the information.*
https://www.sandown.us/sites/sandownnh/files/uploads/shamrock_hunt.pdf?fbclid=IwAR10twta7aqvNiEkyRZSPfUF3Vh7sY5w8Ua_HfdrW0i2xQyBFY9BqPqoO_o
- The **Sandown Public Library Building** will be closed to the public until March 28.
 - **The Sandown Public Library will be offering curbside services** to pick up and drop off library. 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 Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office:**
 - The Town Clerk/Tax Collector is encouraging all possible transactions to occur online, or by mail
 - *Regarding new transactions, Governor Sununu has authorized an extension; Any Temporary License Plate issued AFTER 3/1, will automatically be extended to 4/30*

The COVID-19 outbreak has led to an increase in **scam activity**. No reputable business will ask customers for personal information over the phone and does not accept payments via gift cards or other common tools used by scammers.

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.

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.