

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>

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

Updated 5/7/20 Town Modifications:

- There will be a Board of Selectman meeting Monday 5/11
- All Town Buildings remain closed to the public
- The Board of Selectmen and the Emergency Management Director met this week and 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.
- The Summer Recreation program is still being discussed with the hope of having a program by the end of June. There has been no final decision as there are many factors involved in this making this important decision and do what's best for the safety of the children and their families. This will be dependent on orders of the Governor in the coming weeks.
- 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. If you cannot or are unsure how to conduct your business online and someone will assist you.
- 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.