



Daily Status Report Templeton MA

Overall Status:
Significant Risk

Plan/Operation Name: COVID-19 Response

Daily Update for: 24 March 2020 (changes noted in blue text, links in red text)

Status Code Legend:

- Low Risk: Normal operations; limited risk
- Medium Risk: Degraded operations; heighten awareness; area incidents
- Significant Risk: Limited functionality; emergency activation; local incidents
- High Risk: Ceased operations; full activation; measurable local impact

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| Current News / Situation | <p>Templeton is in a state of emergency (16 MAR 2020); the town is continually planning and operating to provide prevention practices as well as maintain a safe and healthy public. On March 24 at noon, Governor Baker's emergency order is in effect, ordering nonessential businesses and organizations to close their physical workspaces and facilities to customers, workers and the public: Order Essential Services List. Governor Baker has directed the Department of Public Health to issue a stay at home advisory outlining self-isolation and social distancing protocols. Residents are advised to stay home and avoid unnecessary travel and other unnecessary activities during this two-week time period. Residents over 70 years of age or with underlying health conditions, who are considered at high risk when exposed to COVID-19, should limit social interactions with other people as much as possible.</p> <p>COVID-19 symptoms of this infection may appear 2-14 days after exposure and include: Fever, Cough, and shortness of breath, and in severe cases, pneumonia (fluid in the lungs). Call your healthcare professional if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19. Rates below are from CDC and MADPH.</p> <p>National Cases: 33,404 MA State Cases: 777 Worcester County Cases: 42 Templeton Cases: 2</p> |
| Issues: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Templeton Fire/EMS/police n95 masks/PPE resupplied with coordination of Emergency Management. ● Governor Baker's emergency directive to businesses and stay @ home advisory in effect 12:00 today ● Town Meeting and Elections legislation passed; to determine actions post May 31st municipal actions |
| Town Offices and Partner Status: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Town Hall: closed for public access until 13 April; use the website for transactions or call; solution for using remote conferencing is in final review; employees will meet in person, boards and committees remotely, keeping the gathered under 10; next BoS meeting 25 Mar 20 (teleconference & YouTube) ● NRSD Facilities: closed for school session providing staff support from central office; providing student meals using 'drive thru' method; Central Office # (978) 939-5661; on-line classroom learning in use ● Senior Center/COA: closed; minimally staffed ● Library: closed ● Food Pantry: open with specific instructions; stocking levels are adequate for current demand; working on donation plan ● Emergency Services: vestibules only; special safety precautions are being observed; sign up for CodeRed; text "templetonma" to 99411 (only ~1200 currently signed up); Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is operational, minimal staff. ● DPW: full operations; office closed to public; assisting with sanitization efforts; 1-person in cab ops ● TMLWP/Sewer: full operations; office closed to public |
| Specialized Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board of Health; developed protocols for Inspector's use in Development Services; will notify emergency services when any quarantine in community has expired ● 2-1-1 call center; phone service has long wait times; recommend using chat or local resources ● ICS: Incident Command System roles defined for staff (command, logistics, finance, ops, planning) |
| Citizen Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Published memo and guides for local businesses; this is in conjunction with MA GOV's initiatives ● Social media; updates are being pushed, please be aware of mis-information and unsubstantiated claims; overall, social media remains as one of the methods to stay connected and informed |
| Contact / Information | <p>Board of Health (978) 894-2770 Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen (978) 894-2755</p> <p>Town Website: www.templetonma.gov MA DPH: www.mass.gov/orgs/departement-of-public-health</p> <p>Town Official Social Media: www.facebook.com/TownofTempleton/</p> |