

Overall Status: **Significant Risk**

Plan/Operation Name: COVID-19 Response

Daily Update for: 10 April 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

Current	News	/ Situ	ıation

Templeton is in a state of emergency (16 MAR 2020); The Town Administrator (also the Incident Commander) has extended the closure of town offices until May 4th; this is in line with the Governor's previous action.

Economic Impact Payments: The IRS will start sending payments to most Americans in April. The IRS has asked for citizens "Do not call." Most people won't need to take any action... check back often for updates What you need to know about payments (link)

UPDATED CDC Guidance on masks: Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others. Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2.

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. Change rates below are from last report 4/9

National Cases: 427,460 (+32,449)

MA State Cases: 18,941 (+2,151) Worcester County Cases: 1,461 (+165)

*Rates are from CDC and MDPH

Issues:

- Board of Health meeting Monday, 13 April 2020 at 4:00(remote); includes COVID-related topics
- Governor Baker's emergency directive to businesses and stay @ home advisory EXTENDED to May 4
- Priorities in community: Personal Protective Equipment, Food Pantry (donations), Critical Staff

Town Offices and Partner Status:

- Town Hall: closed for public access until 4 May; use the website for transactions or call; Safety of citizens during any future elections being planned for, supplies ordered; next BoS meeting 4/22 @6:30pm (on-line)
- NRSD Facilities: closed for school session until 4 May; providing student meals using 'drive thru' method; Central
 Office (978) 939-5661; on-line classroom learning in use; 1st wave of Chromebook distribution commenced (survey)
- Senior Center/COA: closed; minimally staffed; phone outreach is continuing and will likely need to increase; questions on the federal stimulus package have been received; working with CERT team for outreach efforts
- Library: closed; additional reading resources available through the Boynton Library Facebook page
- Food Pantry: open Tuesday 9-12am, Thursday 12-3pm and 5-7pm with specific instructions; donated items are cleaned and inventoried. Located in back of Senior Center; Food pantry is serving many more! Thank you to The Templeton Firefighters Association for the very generous donation; social media is getting the word out. Our own EMD (Rich Curtis) went out and installed a canopy to protect everyone from the elements while waiting
- Emergency Services: vestibules only; sign up for CodeRed on town website or text "templetonma" to 99411 or call (866) 939-0911; Face Shields delivered to FD by National Guard, still awaiting Gowns and Hand Sanitizer; working with Templeton Development Center on possible field site for COVID treatment center
- DPW: full operations; office closed to public; cemeteries are closed for new burials; playgrounds closed
- TMLWP/Sewer: full operations; office closed to public; monitoring Gov order on suspension of shutoffs

Specialized Resources

- Board of Health; receiving many questions and phonecalls; complaints from Shore Drive in research; complaints concerning "self-service" food/beverage bars in certain business and the safety of them in research; BoH meeting on Monday, 13 April at 4:00pm, Remote/Zoom
- 2-1-1 call center; phone service has long wait times; recommend using chat or local resources

Citizen Resources

- MA State resource for push notifications on coronavirus: text "COVIDMA" to 888-777
- Senior Hours: Market Basket Tue, Wed, Thu 5:30am 7am; Hannafords 6-7am Tue, Wed & Thu; Price Chopper 6-7am every day; Walmart 6-7am Tuesday only;

Contact / Information

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