



Daily Status Report Templeton MA

Overall Status:
Significant Risk

Plan Name: COVID-19 Response

Daily Update for: 14 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 / Situation

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.

The Templeton Board of Health met via Zoom and [YouTube livestream on Monday, April 13th at 4pm](#). The board deliberated on the subject of reporting numbers of COVID19 statistics and heard public comment and questions. The board decided to maintain the practice of not reporting numbers publicly, citing patient stigma and privacy-related concerns. BoH is researching compromise statistics solution.

On April 6th MRPC's Executive Director offered the MRPC's geographic information system (GIS) assets to the Montachusett Public Health Network. Specifically, the GIS staff will provide COVID-19 case data to the Network's Health Agents so that local officials and the medical community will be able to track the disease as it spreads through the population at the municipal level. No personal information will be published by the MRPC, therefore there will be no violation of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.
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.

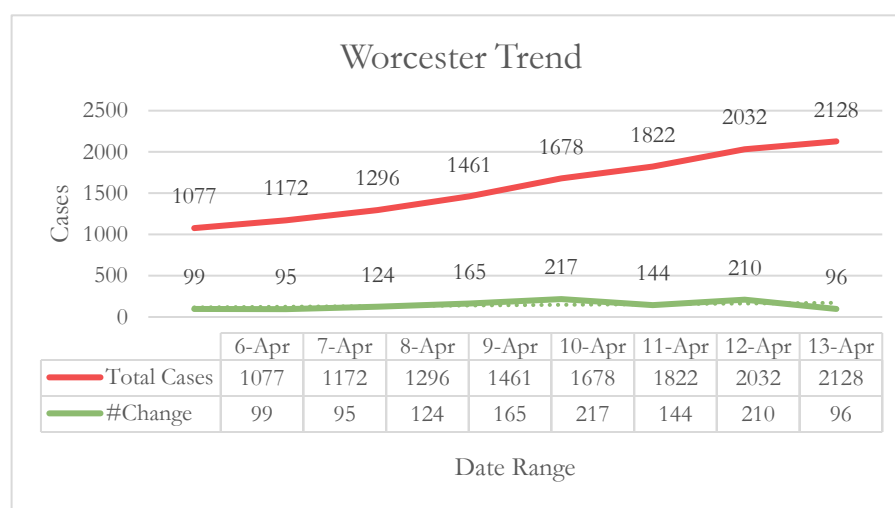
COVID-19 Statistics

Change rates below are from last report 4/13

*Rates are from CDC and MDPH.

- National Cases: 554,849 (+29,145)
- MA State Cases: 26,867 (+1,392)
- Worcester County Cases: 2,128(+96)

	National Cases:	330,891 (+22,562)	MA State Cases:	7,738 (+1,118)	Worcester County Cases:	978 (+130)
6-Apr		374,329 ↑ 43,438		12,500 ↑ 4,762		1077 ↓ 99
7-Apr		395,011 ↓ 20,682		13,837 ↓ 1,337		1172 ↓ 95
8-Apr		427,460 → 32,449		15,202 ↓ 1,365		1296 → 124
9-Apr		459,165 → 31,705		16,790 ↓ 1,588		1461 → 165
10-Apr		492,416 → 33,251		18,941 → 2,151		1678 ↑ 217
11-Apr		525,704 → 33,288		22,860 → 3,919		1822 → 144
12-Apr		554,849 → 29,145		25,475 → 2,615		2032 ↑ 210
13-Apr		-554,849		26,867 ↓ 1,392		2128 ↓ 96



Top Issues and Priorities:

- The Board of Health unanimously voted to maintain the policy of not reporting COVID-19 related statistics. 4/13 meeting is on-line
- The Templeton Development Center (TDC) (formerly known as the Fernald School) has been permitted for a change of use in order to facilitate COVID-19 treatment for current residents and overflow from other county centers. The facility is permitted for 22 beds and has been inspected by TFD for safety.
- 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)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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; UPDATE: BoH determining a compromise solution for posting COVID-related statistics, more to follow. ● 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; EMD, CERT, and Senior Services have enabled a targeted ‘wellness call’ program; This first round of checks included the senior communities, next, if needed, would be residential. ● 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; Planning for Meals on Wheels back-ups due to strained service provider in progress. Donations (food and money) are still needed, checks may be made out to: Town of Templeton (“Food Pantry” in the memo) ● Emergency Services: vestibules only; sign up for CodeRed on town website or text “templetonma” to 99411 or call (866) 939-0911; working with TPD and TFD to assist with wellness checks ● 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 ● TCTV: Cable Station 8, YouTube Channel;
Citizen Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-1-1 call center; phone service has long wait times; recommend using chat or local resources
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