

Plan Name: COVID-19 Response

Daily Update for: 15 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.

Own a business? The Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce wants to hear from you on how COVID-19 is affecting your livelihood. The GGCC serves seven communities including Templeton.

"As we all continue working together as a community to weather the COVID-19 crisis, the Chamber is working hard to make sure we understand and respond to the needs of not only our member businesses, but our community as a whole. Your response to this brief survey will help guide us in our mission."-GGCC

Please take a moment to complete the **COVID-19 Business Impact Survey**.

Your input will help us address the needs of our region.

### Take the Survey now.

Responses requested by Friday, April 17.

\*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.

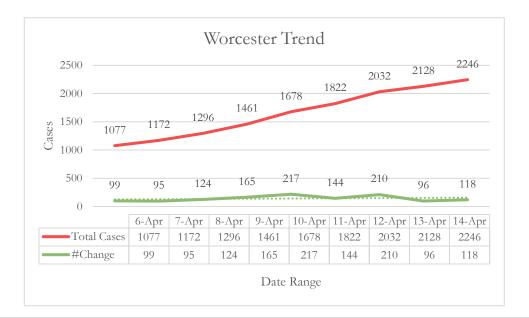
#### COVID-19 Statistics

#### Change rates below are from last report 4/14

\*Rates are from CDC and MDPH.

- National Cases: 579,005 (+24,156)MA State Cases: 28,163 (+1,296)
- Worcester County Cases: 2,246 (+9118)

	National Cases:	330,891	(+22,562)	MA State Cases:	7,738	(+1,118)	Worcester County Cases:	978	978 (+130)	
6-Apr		374,329	43,438		12,500	4,762		1077	•	99
7-Apr		395,011	<b>J</b> 20,682		13,837	<b>J</b> 1,337		1172	Ψ.	95
8-Apr		427,460	<del></del>		15,202	<b>J</b> 1,365		1296	8	124
9-Apr		459,165	31,705		16,790	<b>J</b> 1,588		1461	->	165
10-Apr		492,416	旁 33,251		18,941	<b>2,151</b>		1678	1	217
11-Apr		525,704	旁 33,288		22,860	<b>3,919</b>		1822	-	144
12-Apr		554,849	29,145		25,475	<b>2,615</b>		2032	1	210
13-Apr		579,005	<b>4,156</b>		26,867	<b>J</b> 1,392		2128	Ψ.	96
14-Apr			-579,005		28,163	<b>J</b> 1,296		2246	Ψ.	118



## Top Issues and Priorities:

- The Board of Health, based on resident feedback, is developing a privacy-secure method for reporting COVID-19 related statistics
- 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)
- 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; Donations (food and money) are still needed, checks may be made out to: Town of Templeton ("Food Pantry" in the memo); thank you to NRSD for initiated a collaborative between Heywood Hospital, your Food Pantry, and NRSD for securing more food resources, this effort will result in a more resilient food supply and flexible storage for long term and perishable items
- Emergency Services: vestibules only; sign up for CodeRed on town website or text "templetonma" to 99411 or call (866) 939-0911; working final phase and developing the re-occurring wellness checks plan with CERT and TFD
- 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 • Learn about Incident Command System (ICS)! End the misunderstanding, find out how your community uses proven emergency management to operate and support Templeton in this long duration crisis. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers FREE training; the "Intro to ICS" is a great place to begin... link: <a href="https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-">https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-</a> 100.c • MA State resource for push notifications on coronavirus: text "COVIDMA" to 888-777 Senior Hours: Market Basket are now 6 - 7 a.m. Sunday thru Saturday (everyday)thank you Kathy!; Hannafords 6-7am Tue, Wed & Thu; Price Chopper 6-7am every day; Walmart 6-7am Tuesday only; 2-1-1 call center; phone service has long wait times; recommend using chat or local resources

### Contact / Information

Board of Health (978) 894-2770

Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen (978) 894-2755

Town Website: <a href="https://www.templetonma.gov">www.templetonma.gov</a>

MA DPH: <u>www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-public-health</u>

Town Official Social Media: www.facebook.com/TownofTempleton/