

Plan Name: COVID-19 Response

Daily Update for: 20 April 2020 (changes noted in blue text, links in red text)

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.
- Priorities in community: Personal Protective Equipment, Food Pantry (donations), Critical Staff
- AlertsMA: State, local officials urge people to stay home on Marathon Monday to ensure social distancing & let health care workers focus on COVID-19
- The Alliance Health Long Term Care facility has sustained an elevated amount of positive COVID-19 cases. The facility is better known as the 'Baldwinville Nursing Home' and has, like many Massachusetts Nursing Homes, struggled with a difficult reality that vulnerable populations in institutional settings are difficult to manage. The MA Department of Public Health, the Montachusett Public Health Network, and the Templeton Health Team are working together to assist the Alliance Health staff in reducing the surge in cases. Testing is the most important aspect of this reduction effort and the Massachusetts National Guard has been assisting at this facility.
- 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. Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover
 when around others.

COVID-19 Statistics

 MA DPH has ruled on reporting COVID-19 related statistics; the state will be responsible for publishing <u>state/county/city/town</u>.
 BoH is working revision to previous voted guidance (4/20) on statistics with community breakdown.

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Change rates below are from last report 4/17:

*Rates are from CDC and MDPH.

- National Cases: 720,630 (+29,916)
- MA State Cases: 38,077 (+1,705)
- Worcester County Cases: 3,069 (+117)



Town
Offices and
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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); central recommendations for public morale parades are based off of current COVID infection rates in state and synchronized with Governor Baker's "surge" declaration.

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Board of Health; working revision of data report to follow updated state guidance; continual close coordination with Allied Health (Baldwinville Nursing) NRSD Facilities: closed for school session until 4 May; Central Office (978) 939-5661; on-line classroom learning in use; 1st wave of Chromebook distribution commenced (survey) Senior Center/COA: closed; minimally staffed; EMD, CERT, and Senior Services have enabled a targeted 'wellness call' program, about 100/week Food Pantry: open Tuesday 9-12am, Thursday 12-3pm and 5-7pm with specific instructions; 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 Narragansett Music Boosters for your help and donations!; our current demand is level from the last week Emergency Services: vestibules only; sign up for CodeRed on town website or text "templetonma" to 99411 or call (866) 939-0911; re-occurring wellness checks with CERT and TFD occur on Wednesdays and are going very well; • DPW: full operations; office closed to public; cemeteries are closed for new burials; playgrounds closed TCTV: Cable Station 8, YouTube Channel; Citizen • MA State resource for push notifications on coronavirus: text Resources "COVIDMA" to 888-777 2-1-1 call center; phone service has long wait times; recommend using chat or local resources Contact / Board of Health (978) 894-2770 Information Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen (978) 894-2755 Town Website: www.templetonma.gov MA DPH: www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-public-health Town Official Social Media: www.facebook.com/TownofTempleton/

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