

27 April 2020

Daily Status Report, Templeton MA

(changes noted in blue text, links in red text)

Plan Name: COVID-19

Overall Status: Significant Risk

Response

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
- The Templeton Board of Selectmen met on Wednesday, April 22nd and voted to extend the due date for 4th Quarter Real Estate Taxes from 4 May to 1 June; they also voted to approve the amended warrant for the Annual Town Meeting for 13 May with the understanding that the target date to be approved by the Moderator for 17 June; the board also voted to move the Annual Town Election to 22 June. Click here for minutes.
- The Baker-Polito Administration today announced new actions to support the ongoing COVID-19 response, including extending the closure of all public and private schools through the end of the school year, and the closure of all non-emergency child care programs until June 29, 2020. The Administration also announced <u>further support</u> for students and families impacted by COVID-19.
- 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 COVID-19 related statistics; New Dashboard! (26 April)

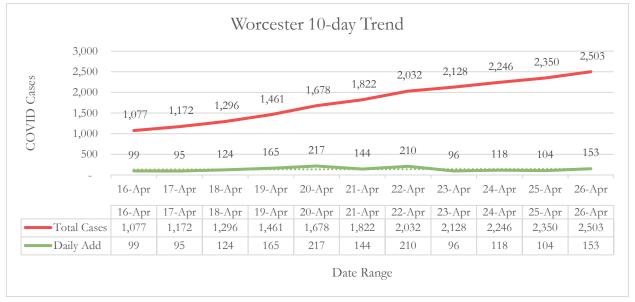
MA by-town list (as of 22 April)

National Cases: 957,875 (+29,256)

MA State Cases: 54,938 (+1,590)

Worcester County Cases: 4,572 (+112)

*Rates are from CDC and MDPH.



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Templeton numbers are reports received from the MA Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN). (as of 21 April 2020, updates on Tuesdays)

Total Active cases: 76

Cases attributed to BNH (Alliance Health) 60* (32 not symptomatic)

Cases attributed to Templeton residents 16

Previous cases:

Recovered 9
Total deaths including (BNH) 14

*National Guard tested all residents and employees of BNH (Alliance Health) on April 17, 2020.

Town Offices and Partner Status:

Town Hall: closed until 4 May; use the website for transactions; BoS meeting of 4/22 moved 4th Quarter tax due date to June 1st, Annual Town Meeting Warrant to May 13th (Target is 17 June pending decision by Moderator); Town Election to June 22nd; deficit spending request to state Division of Local Services (DLS);

Board of Health: next meeting 27 April 7pm; continual close coordination with Allied Health (Baldwinville Nursing); The Templeton Board of Health STRONGLY RECOMMENDS the use of face coverings when public. This recommendation is in support of the CDC recommendation, which includes social distancing efforts. Studies indicate that people who are asymptomatic of COVID-19 may still be able to spread the virus. A face covering may help prevent you from spreading the virus to others. A face covering can include anything that covers your nose and mouth, including dust masks, scarves, and bandanas.

NRSD Facilities: closed for school session for remainder of acedemic year; Central Office (978) 939-5661; on-line classroom learning in use;

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 Donations checks may be made out to: Town of Templeton ("Food Pantry" in the memo); Templeton, your community asked for help and you answered! There have been over \$7,000 in donations and commendations for the level of organization. "Templeton Tough" tshirt sales will augment.

Emergency Services: vestibules only; sign up for CodeRed on town website or text "templetonma" to 99411 or call (866) 939-0911; entered into an agreement that allows us to exchange personnel in the event of staffing shortfalls during the COVID-19 state of emergency with several adjoining communities (Athol FD initiative and press release)

DPW: full operations; office closed to public; cemeteries are closed; playgrounds closed

TCTV: Cable Station 8, YouTube Channel;

Citizen Resources

- MA State resource for push notifications on coronavirus: text "COVIDMA" to 888-777
- 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: 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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