



Daily Status Report Templeton MA

Overall Status:
Significant Risk

Plan/Operation Name: COVID-19 Response

Daily Update for: 6 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	<p>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. This does not mean that the town is not performing essential services, many services are being carried out as normal using all safe working practices, other services re being provided remotely. Measures to delay tax responsibilities in conjunction with state/federal announced protections are being drafted. Flags were lowered on Friday per the Governor's order in honor of the deaths of several Veterans at the Holyoke Soldier's Home.</p> <p>UPDATED CDC Guidance on masks: Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others; You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick. Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious.</p> <p>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 4/3.</p> <p>National Cases: 304,826 (+118,725) MA State Cases: 12,500 (+4,762) Worcester County Cases: 978 (+415)</p> <p><small>*Rates are from CDC and MDPH.</small></p>
Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local restaurants are now allowed to serve "to go" alcoholic beverages; <u>only</u> with food orders and beer and wine only ● Governor Baker's emergency directive to businesses and stay @ home advisory EXTENDED to May 4 ● Priorities in community: Personal Protective Equipment, Food Pantry (citizen resources), Critical Staff
Town Offices and Partner Status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Town Hall: closed for public access until 4 May; use the website for transactions or call; Continued work to provide clarity on the release of private health information (105CMR300.120); ● NRSD Facilities: closed for school session providing staff support from central office; providing student meals using 'drive thru' method; Central Office # (978) 939-5661; on-line classroom learning in use ● Senior Center/COA: closed; minimally staffed; Gail Noel has volunteered to send an informational memo that would provide additional outreach and resources... please stay tuned, thank you Gail! ● Library: closed; additional reading resources available through the <u>Boynton Library Facebook page</u> ● Food Pantry: open Tuesday 9-12am, Thursday 12-3pm and 5-8pm with specific instructions; donated items are cleaned and inventoried. Located in back of Senior Center; thank you to Gardner Agway and Valley View Farm! ● Emergency Services: vestibules only; sign up for CodeRed on town website or text "templetonma" to 99411 or call (866) 939-0911; lighted road-side sign was deployed to aid in community info; MEMA Coord call today; another order for PPE was sent to MEMA and is being reviewed; Fire Dept will order additional face shields from local vendor ● 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board of Health; working with businesses on closing/opening guidance; coordinating mailings and donation inputs; additional guidance is being sent to all food establishments of recent changes and "to-go" alcohol guidance <u>https://www.mass.gov/service-details/covid-19-abcc-advisory-information</u> ● 2-1-1 call center; phone service has long wait times; recommend using chat or local resources
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;
Contact / Information	<p>Board of Health (978) 894-2770 Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen (978) 894-2755</p> <p>Town Website: www.templetonma.gov MA DPH: www.mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-public-health</p> <p>Town Official Social Media: www.facebook.com/TownofTempleton/</p>