

Plan/Operation Name: COVID-19 Response

Daily Update for: 25 March 2020 (changes noted in blue text, links in red text)

Status Code Legend:

 Low Risk: Normal operations; limited risk • Significant Risk: Limited functionality; emergency activation; local incidents Medium Risk: Degraded operations; heighten awareness; area 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 is continually planning and operating to provide prevention practices as well as maintain a safe and healthy public. As of March 24, Governor Baker's emergency order is in effect, ordering nonessential businesses and organizations to close their physical workspaces and facilities to customers, workers and the public: Order | Essential Services List . Governor Baker has directed the Department of Public Health to issue a stay at home advisory outlining self-isolation and social distancing protocols. The Town of Templeton is working on a sustainment strategy that addresses community needs, fiscal impact of possible delays in elections/meeting, and enhanced communication. TCTV continues to improve the town's ability to connect for updates, information, and interaction via redundant teleconferencing and streaming through YouTube. 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. Rates below are from CDC and MADPH. National Cases: 44,183 MA State Cases: 1159 Worcester County Cases: 73 Templeton Cases: 2 Issues: Templeton Fire/EMS/police n95 masks resupplied from TBoH, EMD, and community donations Governor Baker's emergency directive to businesses and stay @ home advisory in effect Incident Commander and staff working priorities (e.g. Food Pantry, PPE/masks, staffing) Town Offices and Partner Town Hall: closed for public access until 13 April; use the website for transactions or call; solution for Status: using remote conferencing is in final review; employees will meet in person, bords and committees remotely, keeping the gathered under 10; next BoS meeting 25 Mar 20 (teleconference & YouTube) 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 Library: closed Food Pantry: open today 12-3 with specific instructions; stocking levels are adequate for current demand; working on donation plan Emergency Services: vestibules only; special safety precautions are being observed; sign up for CodeRed: text "templetonma" to 99411 (only ~1200 currently signed up); Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is operational, minimal staff. DPW: full operations; office closed to public; assisting with sanitization efforts; 1-person in cab ops TMLWP/Sewer: full operations; office closed to public Specialized Resources Board of Health; developed protocols for Inspector's use in Development Services; will notify emergency services when any quarantine in community has expired; working with businesses on closing/opening guidance; coordinating mailings and donation inputs 2-1-1 call center; phone service has long wait times; recommend using chat or local resources ICS: Incident Command System roles defined for staff (command, logistics, finance, ops, planning) Citizen Resources Published memo and guides for local businesses; this is in conjunction with MA GOV's initiatives Social media; updates are being pushed on many town and individual sites; please do your part to share as we have very limited reached based on 'likes', opt-ins, and sign-ups. 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/