

Overall Status: **Significant Risk**

Plan/Operation Name: COVID-19 Response

Daily Update for: 30 March 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 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 Governor has issue numerous new orders and updates for other, to include extending the school closures until May, check https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency for more info.

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: 122,653 (+37,297) MA State Cases: 4,955 (+1,715) Worcester County Cases: 337 (+118)

Issues:

- As of 27 March, Town parks remain open, but Playground Equipment are off-limits.
- Governor Baker's emergency directive to businesses and stay @ home advisory in effect
- Priorities in community: Personal Protective Equipment, Food Pantry (citizen resources), Critical Staff

Town Offices and Partner Status:

- Town Hall: closed for public access until 13 April; use the website for transactions or call; next BoS workshop 1 April 2020 (videoconference & YouTube); Zoom/YouTube platform adopted as standard
- 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 Tuesday 9-12, Thursday 12-3 with specific instructions; Many staples are available; donated items are cleaned and inventoried. 16 Senior Dr, Templeton, MA (in back of Senior Center); thank you to Red Apple
- Emergency Services: vestibules only; sign up for CodeRed: text "templetonma" to 99411; Emergency Operation Center is operational, CERT team has been present and working.
- DPW: full operations; office closed to public; cemeteries are closed for new burials
- TMLWP/Sewer: full operations; office closed to public; monitoring Gov order on suspension of shutoffs

Specialized Resources

- Board of Health; working with businesses on closing/opening guidance; coordinating mailings and donation inputs; no new cases to report
- 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
- New State resource for push notifications on coronavirus: To get up-to-date alerts sent directly to your phone, 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

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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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