

Overall Status: **Significant Risk**

Plan/Operation Name: COVID-19 Response

Daily Update for: 7 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

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. As noted previously, the town is operating under a hybrid mix of normal operations and emergency operations; this means several aspects of the incident commander system (ICS) are being used, but not exclusively. Normal town operations and ICS are being used where efficient for current staffing/volunteers. Measures to delay tax responsibilities in conjunction with state/federal announced protections are being drafted. The Senior Center has received many calls with questions on the application for the stimulus package; the town will research any resources that can help answer this.

UPDATED CDC Guidance on masks: Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others. 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.

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 4/6.

National Cases: 330,891 (+26,065) MA State Cases: 13,837 (+1,337) Worcester County Cases: 1,077 (+99)

*Rates are from CDC and MDPH.

Issues:

- Local restaurants may serve "to go" alcoholic beverages; only with food orders (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:

- 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 until 4 May; providing student meals using 'drive thru' method; Central
 Office # (978) 939-5661; on-line classroom learning in use; thank you to NRSD for info-push phonecall collaboration!
- Senior Center/COA: closed; minimally staffed; phone outreach is continuing and will likely need to increase;
 questions on the federal stimulus package have been received
- Library: closed; additional reading resources available through the Boynton Library Facebook page
- 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 Tractor Supply!
- Emergency Services: vestibules only; sign up for CodeRed on town website or text "templetonma" to 99411 or call (866) 939-0911; received positive feedback from MEMA on 2nd order for resupplying PPE stocks
- 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

- Board of Health; receiving many questions and phonecalls; complaints from Shore Drive in research; complaints concerning "self-service" food/beverage bars in certain business and the safety of them in research; BoH follow-on meeting to be held soon to address citizen concerns
- 2-1-1 call center; phone service has long wait times; recommend using chat or local resources

Citizen Resources

- 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

Board of Health (978) 894-2770 Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen (978) 894-2755

 $\label{town Website: www.templetonma.gov} \mbox{ MA DPH: } \underline{www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-public-health} \\$

Town Official Social Media: www.facebook.com/TownofTempleton/

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