



Daily Status Report Templeton MA

Overall Status:
Significant Risk

Plan/Operation Name: COVID-19 Response

Daily Update for: 26 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

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| Current News / Situation | <p>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.</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. Rates below are from CDC and MADPH.</p> <p>National Cases: 68,440 MA State Cases: 1838 Worcester County Cases: 129 Templeton Cases: 2</p> |
| Issues: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As of today, 26 March, Town parks remain open, but Playground Equipment are off-limits. ● Governor Baker's emergency directive to businesses and stay @ home advisory in effect ● 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 |
| Town Offices and Partner Status: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Town Hall: closed for public access until 13 April; use the website for transactions or call; budget meeting for Saturday is happening 100% remote using videoconferencing and YouTube live stream; next BoS workshop 25 Mar 20 (videoconference & 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; Donations have come in from Red Apple Farm, and from the 3 post offices in town. There are now 6 volunteers, helping clean and organize items. ● Emergency Services: vestibules only; special safety precautions are being observed; sign up for CodeRed: text "templetonma" to 99411; Emergency Operation Center 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; monitoring Gov order on suspension of shutoffs |
| Specialized Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 | <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> |