

Town of Boxborough  
March 18, 2020  
COVID-19 Updates

The Town wants to provide residents with an update for where things currently stand regarding the ongoing public health crisis. Below is a summary of steps that the Town and State are taking to combat COVID-19, a.k.a. the Coronavirus. Please note that as of today, there are no known cases in either Boxborough or Acton.

Timeline

On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency. [Click here](#) to view.

On March 13, 2020 President Trump announced a National Declaration of Emergency. [Click here](#) to view.

On March 16, 2020, the Select Board and Board of Health declared a State of Emergency. This will allow the Town to facilitate and expedite the use of resources to handle this crisis. [Click here](#) to view.

State Restrictions

On March 15, 2020, Governor Baker extended an executive order restricting the following:

**Effective Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Crowds of greater than 25 people are prohibited. Effective through April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Restaurants may only provide take-out or delivery options. Effective through April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- All school are closed until April 6<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) for a link to the ABRSD page for District Coronavirus Updates.

Copies of the Governor's orders can be found by [clicking here](#).

Town Restrictions

- Town Buildings
  - Town Hall and DPW are closed to the public
    - Personnel may be available for assistance via phone and/or email. A staff directory can be found by [clicking here](#).
    - Online payments and services can also be found on the Town website. [Click here](#) to view.
  - Library is closed. Residents are encouraged to visit their website for online services. [Click here](#) to view.
  - Access to public safety buildings is limited.
- Blanchard School and Flerra playgrounds are closed.
- All Recreation, Council on Aging and Community events are all cancelled. This includes the Council on Aging van services.

*The Transfer Station will remain open during normal hours of operation.*

Informational Updates

The Town website has been revised to include various updates and links to health agencies. We encourage residents to visit the Town website for the latest updates. A link can be found by [clicking here](#).

This is an unprecedented situation and we appreciate residents' patience and cooperation as Town officials work to address the immediate needs of the community. Please note, at this time, grocery stores and pharmacies within the region remain open for business. Please remember to keep others in mind while making these trips. Panic-purchasing will only add to the problem.

Above all, we encourage residents to remain calm and make informed decisions. If you feel sick, seek out medical attention or stay home. Remember to wash your hands thoroughly with soap/water. The practice of social distancing is crucial to ensuring the situation does not grow worse.

Public safety personnel will continue to respond to incidents. However, they are also following the precaution of social distancing.

Thank you,  
Town of Boxborough