



## MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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To: Town of Milford employees

From: William Buckley, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Date: April 6, 2020

RE: COVID-19 communications

As employees (and in many cases, residents) of the Town of Milford, the Board of Selectmen want to ensure you receive updated information regarding COVID-19. We know the situation changes quickly, and town officials are working diligently to respond appropriately. With so many updates, we want to be sure employees and residents know where they can find the most up-to-date information.

We created a link on the <https://www.milfordma.gov/> website for all COVID-19 updates, and will continue to post all information there. In addition, we will use reverse-911 calls for more critical information that must be broadcast more quickly and to a wide audience in a timely manner.

As you know, important information is also shared during the Board of Selectmen meetings, which are televised and recorded on Milford TV. The recordings are available to view on the Milford TV website (video on demand) <https://www.milfordtv.net/vod>. Although, in an effort to maintain social distancing, we are temporarily holding remote meetings with dial-in participation, the audio recordings of the Board meetings will also be available for residents who would like to listen to them.

During these calls, members of the COVID-19 task force are providing additional information. On our most recent call, the following updates were provided:

- Chief Touhey noted that as of March 31st there were six COVID-19 patients at Milford Hospital, and ten others who have tested positive, but are not hospitalized, who are being tracked.
- Chief Pighetti highlighted the Police department's efforts to manage compliance with COVID-19 guidelines, including on the bike trail. He also reminded residents that the police station is closed to foot traffic, but a dispatcher is available to address walk-in emergencies at the door.
- Jackie Murphy, our Director of Public Health, provided an update on the increasing number of cases at the state level, both as a result of increased testing and increased transmission. She reviewed the steps all of us can take to reduce the spread of the virus, and encouraged all to remain courageous, kind, and willing to pitch in.
- I reminded residents that we are making every effort to keep the bike trail and parks open, but that will only happen as the public allows us to. If public distancing and other protocols are not adhered to, these places will close for the benefit of public safety.
- Rick Villani, Town Administrator noted that all town buildings will remain closed until further notice, though essential personnel continue to work. He also mentioned that other Board meetings will be scheduled in

April, though all will be conducted remotely. More information will be posted on the town website as it becomes available.

- Governor Baker announced that election dates can be moved due to public health and safety issues. The task force unanimously agreed to reschedule the Milford Town elections to June 16, 2020, in an effort to protect residents, poll workers, registrars and all other personnel who work at the election sites.

As town employees, I encourage you to help share the information included here with your friends and families, and through your social media. You are a vital resource in the dissemination of information during this crisis. Our goal is to reach all residents, so they know where to find the most up-to-date information.

I'd like to close by asking you to continue to do your part and follow the guidance and direction of our state and local leaders, maintaining social distancing, and staying home whenever possible. We will get through this difficult time together.