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To: Milford residents

The Board of Selectmen has decided to close several public buildings, after consulting with Milford's Emergency Management Director and Health Agent, to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID19 in our community. While the public will not be allowed entrance, employees will still be working normal hours. As always, we maintain your well-being as a top priority.

Effective at 5pm on March 13 through 5pm on March 27, the following buildings will be attended by employees only:

- Town Hall
- Milford Youth Center
- Memorial Hall
- Animal Control
- Library

Additionally, the Senior Center will be closed effective immediately and until further notice. Please check for individual offices' contact information at <https://www.milfordma.gov/>.

As we receive updated information about prevention and protection measures, we will use the Town of Milford website and Reverse-911 for additional announcements.

While the risk to the general public remains low, the decision to close these buildings to residents is an attempt to slow the spread of the virus. It will only be effective if the community also takes protective steps by practicing self-isolation, monitoring for any symptoms, and avoiding large gatherings. **All community members must do their part, or the closure will not be successful in limiting the spread of the virus.**

We know this is disappointing and extremely disruptive to our daily lives. However, we believe we must act for the health and well-being of our community.

This is a unique and rapidly changing public health situation. Our hope is that if we all work together, we can reduce the spread of this virus, protect residents, especially those most vulnerable, and resume normal activities as soon as possible.

Also, if you have been exposed to COVID19 through travel or personal contact, notify the Milford Board of Health immediately for guidance. In alignment with DPH recommendations, we also strongly recommend cancelling non-essential large events in favor of protecting community health.

Please see websites of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) for national and state updates. Please visit <https://www.milfordma.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates> for local COVID-19 news.