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To all residents of the Town of Dunstable from the Board of Selectmen:

Given the unfolding situation with COVID-19, the Board of Selectmen met in an emergency meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020 and declared a local state of emergency.

Accordingly, Dunstable Town Hall will be closed to public access until Tuesday, April 7, 2020. This date may be revisited as the COVID-19 Situation continues to develop.

Town Hall staff will continue to work in the building or remotely in certain circumstances. Service from Town Hall staff will be by appointment only. If you need to reach a Town Hall staff person or department please access the town web page at www.dunstable-ma.gov for the contact information to make an appointment and a mail slot has been added to the front entrance for residents to leave documents and/or tax payments. We appreciate your patience during this time.

In addition, the only public meetings that will be allowed until April 7, 2020 are the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health on an as needed basis.

Dunstable Town officials and Emergency Management Team will continue to meet and to implement the Town's response to the situation concerning COVID-19. They are responding using the most recent and frequently updated guidance issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Board of Health (BOH). To date, there have been no presumptive cases of COVID -19 reported in Town.

As we continue to monitor the situation we are planning to shutter non-essential town services should the Governor issue a shelter in place order. At this time we have closed public playgrounds, we ask for cooperation in refraining from using them. Dunstable Fire, Police, and Highway Departments also remain operational and prepared to address issues that may arise regarding the COVID-19 threat. Are police department is available to conduct welfare checks and address imminent needs for local residents, please contact them at 978-649-7445 if needed.

Residents are reminded of the following preventative measures recommended by the state that they should take:

- Social Distancing - avoid all unnecessary gatherings
- Try to maintain a six foot distance from people outside your household
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Stay at home if you are sick

- Keep children off public playgrounds and away from congregating with other groups of children

This is advice is especially true for older adults and those with health issues are urged to avoid large crowds and events. Individuals who live in households with vulnerable people, like elderly parents, should also consider avoiding crowds.

Additional information regarding closures or other changes will be released as it becomes available.

For more information about COVID – 19 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, please click here: https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19 and the Centers for Disease Control.