



## TOWN OF AYER

### IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Saturday, March 14, 2020

#### Town of Ayer to Suspend Nonessential Town Programs and Services

The Town of Ayer in consultation with the Ayer Board of Selectmen and the Town's Public Safety and Public Health Professionals, is taking a number of proactive steps out of an overabundance of caution to limit the spread of COVID-19, the illness associated with the novel coronavirus, which the World Health Organization declared this week to be a global pandemic and prompted President Donald Trump to declare a national emergency on Friday, March 13, 2020.

The Town of Ayer has put the following measures in place:

- **The Ayer Town Hall and all Town Buildings will be closed to the public on Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20. The Town will continue to monitor and re-evaluate this schedule as necessary.**
- **All Ayer Town Hall Offices will be staffed during this public closure during normal hours of operation and are available via telephone and/or email to assist the Public.** For a directory of contacts please go to the Town's website at [www.ayer.ma.us](http://www.ayer.ma.us). Additionally, the public may make payments as follows:
  - **By mail to: 1 Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432**
  - **By Online Payments on the Town's website at: [www.ayer.ma.us](http://www.ayer.ma.us)**
    - Excise, Personal Property & Real Estate Taxes
    - Water and Sewer Payments
    - Transfer Station Stickers
    - Road and Trench Opening Permits
    - Vital Records and Dog Licenses
    - Parks Programs
    - Municipal Liens
    - Building, Electric, Gas and Plumbing Permits.
  - **By the secure Town Hall Drop Box** located outside the Columbia Street Entrance of the Town Hall. At this time, all payments and or Town related documents may be placed in this secure drop box.
- **All public meetings are cancelled for March 16 through March 20 and will be rescheduled.** Only the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health will be permitted to meet in emergency session as required.

- **The Ayer Board of Selectmen will be meeting as scheduled on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6pm in the Ayer Town Hall. The BOS Meeting will be using remote participation technology in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's Emergency Order with respect to the Open Meeting Law.**  
The meeting will be broadcast live and the public will be able to call into the meeting to participate. Instructions for public remote participation will be available on the Town's website, Facebook Page, posted on the Town's official bulletin board at the Columbia Street Entrance of Town Hall on Monday, March 16. For further questions about participating remotely, please contact the Town Manager's Office at 978-772-8220.
- **The Ayer Council on Aging will be closed to the public. The COA van service will continue to provide transportation for essential services only (medical appointments, grocery shopping, pharmacies, etc.).** COA Staff will be available via phone at 978-772-8260, Monday through Friday during normal hours of operation to assist Seniors.
- **The Ayer Public Library will be closed to the Public.** Library staff will be available via phone at 978-772-8250 during normal library hours to assist the Public.
- **The Ayer Transfer Station will remain open during normal hours of operation.**
- **Governor Charlie Baker announced on Friday, March 13 that the state is banning gatherings of more than 250 people in Massachusetts.** The ban includes, but is not limited to community, civic, public and leisure gatherings, faith-based events, sporting events with spectators, concerts, conventions, fundraisers, parades, fairs, festivals, and any similar event or activity that brings together 250 or more persons in a single room or space.
- **This Public Notification will be updated as information, events, and/or circumstances warrant.** Please do not hesitate to contact the BOS/Town Manager's Office at 978-772-8220 for any questions about this Public Notification.
- **The Town of Ayer continues to make decisions in consultation with the guidance issued from the Center for Disease Control, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and our Professional Public Safety and Public Health Personnel. These decisions are in the best interests of the public safety and public health of all Ayer Residents during this unprecedented time.**