

Update on Town Actions in Response to COVID – 19

Dear Sheffield Residents:

March 20, 2020

We hope that each of you are doing well and taking care of yourself by staying at home as much as possible, keeping at least a 6' distance from others, washing your hands frequently and avoiding touching your face. These have been hard for all of us to learn to do but this may be a case where practice not only makes perfect – but more importantly, keeps us healthy.

We also thank each of you for being so cooperative and supportive of the actions your Town's management team has taken this week. Your use of the mail box outside of Town Hall has been an indication of how we are all pulling together to make needed adjustments.

Here's today's update:

- Town government is running smoothly.
- All committee, commission and board meetings will now, effective immediately, be virtual. We'll be sending out a separate email blast on how you may continue to participate. Watch for information on Monday.
- **Massachusetts 2-1-1** - You are urged to use 2-1-1 for information, resources, and referrals regarding COVID-19. Operators are staffing this hotline 24/7 and translators are available in multiple languages. You may dial 2-1-1 from any landline or cellphone, or use the live chat option on the [Mass 2-1-1 website](#). The live chat option is also there for you if you just want to talk with someone and want that someone to not be a close friend or family member.
- Please take your 2020US Census at [my2020census.gov](#) or by filling out your paper census. Remember, each person's census response equals \$250+/month in potential services to our residents. Your completing the census is more important now than ever.
- Consider wearing a mask when you go out. Anything over your nose and mouth may keep you safer.
- The Library is suspending curbside service per the advice of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.
- We will keep you informed in the days ahead and thank you all for your understanding and patience. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Town's website: [www.sheffieldma.gov](#)