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OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH 856 MAIN ROAD

Westport Board of Health Statement on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) March 17, 2020

At its morning meeting on March 16, 2020, the Board of Health recommended that the Select Board declare a state of emergency in the Town of Westport due to the risk to public health associated with the spreading coronavirus. The Select Board did so at its meeting later the same day. The Town playgrounds on Main Road and the Macomber School are also closed.

While the emergency continues, Municipal Town Buildings including Westport Town Hall and Town Hall Annex are closed to the public, effective the morning of March 16th. However, all staff continues to work.

The Transfer Station and Recycling Center will maintain normal operation and schedule. Payments are still in the form of checks or money orders only, **No Cash**.

Health Department Staff information:

- Our Director is available for any questions or concerns by phone (508-636-1015), fax (508-636-1016) and email (armendom@westport-ma.gov);
- The Health Dept. staff are available by phone (508-636-1015), fax (508-636-1016) and email (health@westport-ma.gov);
- Our food service agent is ensuring that restaurant dining is closed and the carryout operation is limited to 25 people;
- Our Title 5 agent continues to conduct perc tests and inspections;
- Our Animal Control Office (774-264-5129) continues to respond to telephone calls;
- Our Town Nurse is available 8 am to 12 Noon by phone (508-636-1030), fax (508-636-1016) and email (Nursing@westport-ma.gov);
- Sharps (i.e. needles) disposal is available by making arrangements with Town Nurse only

Our operations during the COVID-19 emergency continue to evolve. The Board will hold virtual meetings only for the foreseeable future; on line and phone access information can be found through the Town website, when the meeting agenda is posted. For anyone needing to drop off permits, plans and applications, we will have a drop box available by the end of business on March 18, 2020, which will be located outside the front door of the Town Hall Annex at 856 Main Road. This box is available for all departments in the Annex.

For Information on other departments, please contact the individual department directly or go to the Town website at westport-ma.com

As of March 16th, the Commonwealth has reported 197 confirmed cases of the virus, including two (2) in Bristol County.

Matthew J. Armendo, Director Westport Health Department