

Town of Brentwood Response to COVID - 19

INFORMATIONAL RELEASE

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RE: Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

The Town of Brentwood is actively engaged and continuously monitoring the progress of COVID-19. Town Officials are working closely with First Responders to include Brentwood Fire-Rescue and Brentwood Police, partner agencies at the local, state, and federal level to take necessary precautions as suggested by the latest and ever changing guidance provided by Center for Disease Control and NH Dept. Of Health and Human Services to reduce the transmission of Coronavirus. We will continue to keep you informed as the situation changes, understanding that the current Coronovirus situation is fluid, ever changing, and constantly evolving.

In the interest of public safety, The Board of Selectmen has postponed or cancelled all activities other than town business at the Town Office and Recreation Center through April 6, 2020. We will re-evaluate in three weeks and may extend this time period if the guidance at that time suggests it would be beneficial. We understand this may create some inconvenience, and we thank you for your patience.

Through April 6, 2020 assistance in assessing, welfare, recreation, building, and planning will be made available by appointment only. Assessing cards are available on the town's website. The counter terminal will not be available during this time. All interior inspections for the revaluation with KRT **and** for building permits are being suspended at this time.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office is encouraging ALL people who have the capability of doing automobile registration renewals and estimates, tax payments, vital records, boat registration renewals and dog registrations either online or by mail. As of today, the town clerk's hours will be limited. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am to 1pm and Tuesday 3pm -7pm. You may contact the Town Office during business hours at 642 6400 x114 if you need assistance in completing online transactions. We realize some things cannot be done online and an office visit is the only means of completing your transactions. We will do our best to help all residents.

We encourage residents to practice social distancing, frequent handwashing and limiting gatherings. Please be vigilant in staying home if you are showing symptoms of sickness such as cough, fever, or flu like symptoms.

The following are steps the public can take to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19, as well as influenza and other respiratory illness, in general:

- Wash your hands often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water;
- Avoid close social contact and contact with people who are sick;
- If you get sick, stay home from work, school, or daycare until your fever has been gone for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;

- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze and throw tissues in the trash after use;
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that may be contaminated, such as shared dining areas and doorknobs, and all frequently used surfaces; and
- Adhere to all travel advisories issued at a federal level.

Residents with questions on Covid -19 are encouraged to contact the State of New Hampshire informational line by dialing 211 or visiting www.211nh.org.

People who develop symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath should seek health care advice by phone from either the NH Division of Public Health and Human Services at 603-271-4496 or call your primary care physicians office for guidance

For ongoing updates and information:

Town of Brentwood website: www.brentwoodnh.gov

NHDPHHS website: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

U.S. CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1 IF THERE IS A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY