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Coronavirus Notice to Auburn Community

The Town of Auburn would like to inform our community that our public officials continue to monitor the evolving health concerns surrounding the coronavirus also referred to as COVID-19. As you may know, the Town is following the orders and guidance from the Governor's administration and the Federal guidelines regarding this pandemic.

As the situation is evolving and in an effort to keep the public safe, the Town of Auburn is extending the closure of Town buildings to the public, to a re-open date of May 4th. As a result, we are revisiting our staffing plan to continue to redirect resources to those areas of greatest need. Per the Governor's Order, Auburn Schools will remain closed until May 4th, as well.

Playgrounds remain closed to the public, and all basketball and tennis courts are now closed to the public, effective immediately. Parks remain open to the public, with the understanding that the public will follow all State orders. We ask for your cooperation in keeping gatherings to less than ten people, and ensure that you are practicing social distancing for six feet between each individual, in order to allow everyone to enjoy their recreation safely. If these guidelines are not followed, the Town will revisit the policy and may have to consider closing public parks as well.

We are also working on setting up a hot line to help residents in need of meals and will set up a system for getting meals to those needy residents. It will take a few days to define how this will work, but stay tuned. Details will follow later this week.

The Auburn Board of Health has received confirmation from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of six positive cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) within our community. We are

working closely with our Public Health Nurse to ensure the disease investigation and quarantine concerning these individuals is followed, in accordance with all requirements from the State. In order to protect privacy and confidentiality of individuals who test positive for COVID-19, the Town of Auburn will not release any information other than the case count. We ask that you respect the privacy of those who may be sick with this virus. Please be assured that there is a system in place to monitor this and all infectious and communicable diseases within the town. Our health department continues to stay connected with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in order to keep the public safe. While the Massachusetts Department of Public Health only publicly shares positive case numbers and deaths by county, we are providing this information to the community in order to keep the public informed about the scope of this public health concern.

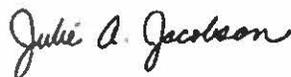
Given the increasing serious risks associated with COVID-19, the Town of Auburn reminds all residents to take every precaution to keep yourselves, your family members and the community safe. Each individual plays an important role in this public health crisis and we ask that you do your part by following these precautions, in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus:

Wash your hands often and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds
Cover your cough and sneezes
Stay at home when you are sick
Avoid touching your face, eyes, and nose with your hands
Clean and disinfect commonly touched items, such as your phone and doorknobs
Avoid gatherings of more than ten people and always practice social distancing everywhere

For the latest local information, you can visit the Town of Auburn website - www.auburnguide.com or call the Auburn Board of Health at 508-832-7703.

For State information, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health 2019 novel coronavirus web site, which is, updated frequently - www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus. You can also call the State's informational hotline with any questions by dialing 2-1-1. If you would like to receive information by text alerts, please text COVIDMA to 888-777.

Additional details and guidance regarding the novel coronavirus, is available from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website - www.CDC/covid-19



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