



TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Town of Upton Announces Phase 1 Reopening

UPTON, MA: Today, the Board of Selectmen announce its reopening plan in coordination with the Baker-Polito Administration's *Reopening Massachusetts* report, which details a four-phased strategy to responsibly reopen businesses and activities while continuing to fight COVID-19. Upton's phase 1 opening will allow the Town to maintain continuity of government while ensuring the Town can meet the service needs of the public in the most protective manner for the employee and the public generally.

Phase 1 will begin on June 1st, which provides full staffing of the various departments during normal operating hours. Town Hall and all other municipal buildings will continue to remain closed to general foot traffic while a full array of services will be provided via online, regular mail or a new curbside pick-up program. In order to continue to practice social distancing and the like, all residents are requested to "call ahead" or go online for any matter for which they need assistance as staff will be available during regular hours.

Specific town operations and services:

- Public meetings will continue through remote participation in accordance with the requirements of 940 CMR 29.10 and in the manner authorized by the Governor in the March 12, 2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.
- Public parks continue to remain open with the addition of a May 25th reopening of the athletic courts under specific safety guidelines. Signs are placed around the courts outlining Massachusetts safety requirements.
- Library is to be determined. Please refer to the website for opening and services.
- Treasurer/Collector's office can experience periods of high demand therefore the Treasurer/Collector's office encourages you to submit payments by drop box outside the Town Hall parking lot or online.
- Senior Center will remain closed.
- Public Works Department will operate full staffing during normal operating hours and manage requests via telephone or email.
- Fire Department will operate full staffing during normal operating hours and manage non-emergency requests via telephone/ email or by appointment.
- Police Department will operate full staffing during normal operating hours and manage non-emergency requests via telephone or email.
- Kids at Play will have a delayed opening until guidance is provided by the Baker-Polito Administration.

As a reminder, to protect individuals and families from the spread of the virus, residents must practice caution: wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol; avoid shaking hands; cover your coughs and sneezes; clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces; and avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you think you might be symptomatic, call your doctor. Residents are also reminded to practice social distancing: keep your distance from others (six feet apart); do not take public transportation, taxis or ride-shares during this period; avoid crowded places.

Please review the town website at www.uptonma.gov for current and previous announcements regarding COVID-19.

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