



# TOWN OF UPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Upton Board of Health Announces First Case of Corona Virus**

**UPTON, MA:** The first case of the 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the town of Upton has been confirmed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). The Upton Board of Health working with MDPH was notified of the positive test results late Thursday evening. As COVID-19 becomes transmissible community-wide and cases begin to increase in town, the Upton Board of Health will continue to closely monitor these individuals and provide close contact tracing to their exposures in an effort to mitigate future risk. For specific health related information or to speak to the Town's public health nurse, please contact the Board of Health Office at 508.529.6813. As a reminder, to help reduce the risk of infection; avoid unnecessary travel, wash your hands often and clean & disinfect hard surfaces daily.

Per the order of Governor Baker, Town offices will be minimally staffed to provide core municipal services. Departments will continue to be available by phone and email; however, residents may see a delay in response due to limited staffing. The Town of Upton is requesting that residents and other individuals seeking to attend to Town-related business do so remotely when possible, online at [www.uptonma.gov](http://www.uptonma.gov), by phone or through the mail, or delay any business that requires in-person interaction with Town of Upton employees until a future date. Individuals encountering urgent, time-sensitive situations requiring the attention of Town of Upton staff are advised to contact the appropriate department to determine if an accommodation can be made. Fire/EMS and Police Departments continue to be fully staffed and provide life/safety response and protection. Trash and recycling collection services remain on schedule.

The Board of Selectmen and Boards and Commission meetings are currently being held virtually on an as needed basis. For updates about any changes to scheduled public meetings for boards and commissions, please see the Town's website at: <https://www.uptonma.gov/calendar-by-event-type/16>

The Town of Upton is committed to providing timely and up-to-date information to residents regarding the status of coronavirus locally and precautionary measures being implemented by the Town. Residents are encouraged to monitor these updates at [www.uptonma.gov](http://www.uptonma.gov).

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