



# Town of Sudbury

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## Select Board's Statement Regarding COVID-19 Friday, March 13, 2020

Town officials have been put in a position this week to make important decisions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Sudbury. School closings were announced yesterday and many town departments are cancelling or modifying their activities to discourage large group events or programs. The purpose is to exercise social distancing to minimize exposure and infection. For this to be effective, residents must conduct themselves consistent with this purpose. Please do your very best to avoid large gatherings of people and maintain space between yourself and others where possible. As cases of COVID-19 are identified, isolation and quarantining requirements must be strictly adhered to. Please prepare your home with needed food, supplies, and medication.

It is critical for everyone, regardless of their personal risk, to be mindful of handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, staying home when ill and other strict hygiene practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This reduces the risk to vulnerable populations (seniors and people with significant health conditions) and helps to keep the healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed.

Town officials have been working tirelessly to stay ahead of COVID-19 and reduce risk to residents. To ensure that town departments can manage critical needs, residents should visit or contact the following resources for information about COVID-19:

<https://sudbury.ma.us/health>

<https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<https://www.who.int/>

In addition, these organizations can provide general information, as well as emotional support and connect residents with needed resources:

<http://211.org/> or dial 211

SAMHSA Helpline: 1-800-985-5990

This is an evolving situation in our community. Please visit individual town department websites to keep abreast of changes in services and programming. There will be a significant impact on the business community, and residents are encouraged to find creative ways to support local businesses.

Sudbury is a community that cares about their neighbors. Residents through their thoughtfulness and mindfulness have the ability to protect their neighbors by taking these precautions. Countless residents have inquired how they can support those most in need

at this time. They can do so by reaching out to local clergy or supporting local non-profits such as:

HOPEsudbury: <http://hopesudbury.org/>

St. Vincent de Paul:  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Anselm Conference  
100 Landham Road  
Sudbury, MA 01776  
Or via Paypal: [svdp.stanselm@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.stanselm@gmail.com)

To help ensure public safety during the Coronavirus outbreak on March 12 Governor Baker issued an Executive Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law GL c30A, sect 20 (<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download>). With that in mind the Sudbury Board of Selectmen intend to hold their upcoming meetings as scheduled but they advise the public to watch the meeting via television and/or [SudburyTV.org](http://SudburyTV.org) rather than in person. Public comment will be taken via telephone at a number to be published in advance. Other committees may opt to do the same but those decisions are being made in real time.

A dictionary definition of community is “a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.” It is our hope that our interests and goals are indeed collective and centered around public safety. We are all together in uncharted territory; over the coming days and weeks our decisions and actions as Town leaders will be made and taken to ensure public safety. We ask that you do your part and take your friends and neighbors into account with yours, and to be mindful that our Town employees are people too and are personally dealing with this situation while they work to help us do the same. If we do all of these things together we will deal with this pandemic as a community.

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Daniel E. Carty, Chair