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PUBLIC NOTICE [issued March 13, 2020]

As concerns rise over the Coronavirus (COVID-19), town officials would like to take this opportunity to provide Southborough residents, town employees, businesses and the general public with an update on some of the measures that have been taken to date in regards to COVID-19.

Information about the coronavirus is evolving, and the situation remains dynamic. The Town of Southborough continues to be in contact with state officials, emergency management teams and board of health representatives to discuss plans daily and would like to share the following information:

Are there any cases of COVID-19 in Southborough?

As of March 13, 2020, at 10:00 AM, there are no positive cases or reported quarantine of COVID-19 for residents of Southborough.

Is Town Meeting being postponed?

Here is an update from Town Moderator Paul Cimino:

To the Voters of Southborough.

As some of you may know, Massachusetts law contemplates the possibility that a Town Meeting must be recessed for extraordinary public safety reasons. As your Moderator, it is my responsibility to determine whether we have arrived at such a point.

Over the past several days, I have taken guidance from State and local public health authorities, as well as our Board of Selectmen (including the comprehensive guidance issued by the Selectmen today), regarding the risks and challenges presented by the COVID-19 virus. I am particularly mindful that current guidance discourages the gathering of large numbers of people in enclosed spaces, as well as identifies certain segments of our population as being at increased risk.

As a result, I have concluded that our Annual Town Meeting currently scheduled for March 28, 2020, will be postponed, and instead will convene on Thursday, April 16th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Trottier Middle School auditorium.

As events continue to evolve with regard to COVID-19, I will update you accordingly as necessary.

Best regards,

*Paul Cimino
Town Moderator*

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Is the Transfer Station operating normally?

The Transfer Station will be operating under normal hours. As of March 14, 2020, the Swap Shop will be closed indefinitely.

Where can I find more information?

The official source of information from the Town of Southborough is the Town website [<https://www.southboroughtown.com/>] and Town Twitter account [[@17Common](#)]

Go to <https://www.southboroughtown.com/subscribe> to sign up for E-alerts through the Town website. Go to <https://www.southboroughtown.com/home/pages/code-red> to register for CodeRed through the Town website

The Board of Health page can be found at: <https://www.southboroughtown.com/board-health>

- [CDC COVID 19 Information](#)
- **COVID 19 Fact Sheet** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>
- **COVID 19 FAQ'S** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>
- [CDC Guidance on Stigma and Resilience](#)
- [World Health Organization COVID 19 Information](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health's New Coronavirus Website](#)
- [Talking to Children About Covid-19--National Association of School Psychologists](#)

We will continue to monitor this situation closely and provide ongoing updates on the town website and on social media outlets.