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**PUBLIC NOTICE [issued March 26, 2020, 4:00PM]**

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?***

On March 26, 2020 the Southborough Health Department was notified of one additional Southborough resident who has tested positive for COVID-19. This brings the total number of known cases in Southborough to four. The Southborough Health Department will continue to work with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) to ensure any affected residents are properly monitored, quarantined and isolated per the guidelines set by MDPH.

The Southborough Health Department cannot release any personal information regarding cases due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Each confirmed case will be contacted by the Health Department. Those considered to have been in close contact with a confirmed case will be contacted by the Health Department with proper instructions regarding quarantine and testing.

Starting March 30<sup>th</sup>, the Health Department will give weekly updates every Monday regarding the number of confirmed and presumptive cases in Southborough. These updates will be posted no later than 4 PM. The Southborough Health Department urges residents to practice social distancing including staying home as much as possible, avoiding large gatherings, and staying a minimum of six feet away from others.

Most recent MDPH updates regarding numbers of cases in Massachusetts by state and county:  
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-cases-quarantine-and-monitoring>

***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.

Massachusetts Launches a COVID-19 Text Message Notification System Text “COVIDMA” to 888-777 for Important Updates <https://www.mass.gov/news/massachusetts-launches-a-covid-19-text-message-notification-system-text-covidma-to-888-777-for>.

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

You can also call the Board of Health to speak to the Public Health Nurse or one of the other nurses on staff at (508) 481-3013.

- [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.*