



Town of

Longmeadow, Massachusetts

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Town of Longmeadow Update March 26, 2020

Additional Social Distancing Measures to Slow the Spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus

Today, Longmeadow officials are taking steps to increase social distancing in the community by restricting access to tennis courts, basketball courts and play structures. Additional signage will be posted at recreational facilities, parks and athletic fields requiring that social distancing be practiced.

Beginning Friday, March 27, 2020, all playgrounds and play structures will be closed. The Bliss Court tennis courts and Bliss Park clay courts will be closed and basketball hoops will be removed. Parks and playing fields are not closed but no organized activities with 10 or more people will be allowed. Signage will be placed at parks and facilities and electronic message boards will be placed at Russell Field, Longmeadow Street @ Converse Street and Route 5. Residents may access town fields as long as there are no group activities and people maintain at least a 6-foot distance from others.

The Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge is still open and people can continue to enjoy that space while following social distancing rules.

These additional measures come just a day after the first positive COVID-19 coronavirus case was identified in Longmeadow. Currently, there is 1 case of COVID-19 in the community, however, town officials **strongly believe that additional unrecognized cases DO exist in Town.**

Town officials are urging residents to stay at home and asking for the public's help in flattening the curve by following social distancing measures, if you do need to leave your house. Don't hang out in groups, stay 6 feet apart from one another, don't hug or shake hands, and don't share food or drinks. The best thing you can do is stay home and wash your hands. It is vitally important for residents to stop congregating outside, stop group play and team sports at parks and to take critical public safety messages seriously.

The Town of Longmeadow is working hard to protect the health and safety of its residents. Please email lemd@longmeadow.org or visit www.longmeadow.org/coronavirus for more information.