Update for resident of the Town of Longmeadow
Concerning COVID-19 coronavirus
March 19, 2020

On Monday, March 16, 2020, the Select Board declared a state of emergency in Longmeadow. The declaration was done to assure that Town has all available resources at its disposal to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus. This will also allow the Town to pursue state and federal funding when it is made available.

A multi-disciplinary task force made comprised of representative from all departments and the Longmeadow Public Schools has been meeting for several weeks to proactively plan for and prepare for the impact of novel coronavirus in our community. Last week the Emergency Operations Center opened in a virtual capacity.

Longmeadow has taken the following steps to slow the spread in our community:

1. Longmeadow Public Schools are closed through April 3, 2020.
2. All municipal buildings are closed to the public, including Storrs Library.
3. Greenwood Daycare Center is closed.
4. The Meals on Wheels program and the Food Pantry are still operating. If you would like to speak with someone about the program, including signing up or volunteering please email ekoebler@longmeadow.org or call (413) 565-4150, the Food Pantry will no longer have public hours, all pickups will be pre-arranged.
5. Parks and Recreation programs are cancelled. If you have questions on specific programs email customerservice@lprd.net or call (413) 565-4160.
6. A Virtual Town Hall webpage has been created to provide access to departments and services via phone, email and website. Visit www.longmeadow.org/virtualtownhall for information.
7. Longmeadow Fire has a dedicated ambulance to handle suspected calls on possible COVID-19 cases.
8. Town Boards and Committees will not hold meetings unless essential items need to be handled. If a meeting needs to be held it will be done remotely.
9. Construction is continuing on the new DPW and Adult Center buildings.
10. Consideration is being given to postponing Town Meeting to a date in June.
11. The Emergency Management Team is developing a neighbor to neighbor plan with social services, Churches, charter schools and other agencies. A similar group is being developed with resources for the private sector and businesses.
12. Guidance is being developed on social distancing to be distributed to faith based groups

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/covid-19 for more information.