



Town of

Longmeadow, Massachusetts

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Town of Longmeadow Update COVID-19 Coronavirus

Governor's Order Requiring Face Coverings & Voting by Absentee Ballot for Town Election May 6, 2020

Today, Governor Baker's order requiring face coverings in public places where social distancing is not possible went into effect. To view the Governor's order visit www.mass.gov. Any person over the age of 2 who is in a place open to the public, whether indoor or outdoor, and is not able to maintain a distance of six feet from another person shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face covering, except where a person is unable to wear a mask or cloth face covering due to a medical condition or the person is otherwise exempted by Department of Public Health Guidance. A person who declines to wear a mask or cloth face covering because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce documentation verifying the condition.

All persons are required to wear masks or cloth face coverings at all time when inside grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores. If a customer refuses to wear a mask or cloth face covering for non-medical reasons, a business may decline entry to the individual. For helpful information on face coverings visit <https://www.mass.gov/news/wear-a-mask-in-public>. The Board of Health, along with the Police Department, will provide education and outreach to businesses and residents on the Governor's Order. If further measures are needed the Board of Health and/or Police Department may ticket for violations.

The Town Election is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020. Town officials are moving ahead with preparations to conduct the Election with the health and safety of residents and staff as the top priority. Registered voters are strongly encouraged to vote by mail by completing an absentee ballot application, available on the Town's website at www.longmeadow.org. Voting by absentee ballot due to the COVID-19 coronavirus crisis is also encouraged by the Secretary of State's Office. If you are unable to access the application online please call the Town Clerk's Office at (413) 565-4103 and an application will be mailed to you. Each registered voter must fill out a separate application form. There is a section on the application that allows the voter to select to receive a ballot for each election this calendar year. If that selection is made the voter would automatically receive a ballot by mail for the State Primary Election on September 1 and the General Election on November 3. Due to the anticipated high response of absentee ballot requests, **please return your application as soon as possible to our Town Clerk** (20 Williams St. Longmeadow, MA 01106 or via drop box outside of Town Hall) to assure the timely receipt of your June ballot for our local elections. The polls will still be open on Election Day from 7am – 8pm and additional safety measures will be in place.

Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020. An Annual Town Meeting logistics team has been meeting for several weeks to prepare and plan for Town Meeting. Specific information about Town Meeting will be distributed very soon.

As always, updates on the Town of Longmeadow response to COVID-19 coronavirus will continue to be posted on www.longmeadow.org/coronavirus. Please regularly check that website for up-to-date information, you will also find copies of all updates that have been released. If you have a concern, are concerned about a neighbor, or need additional information related to COVID-19 please email LEMD@longmeadow.org or visit www.longmeadow.org/coronavirus.
