



Town of

Longmeadow, Massachusetts

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Town of Longmeadow Update COVID-19 Coronavirus

Face Masks Available to Residents, Recycling Center Opens Next Week for Bulky/Household Items, Town Election Information and Annual Town Meeting May 15, 2020

The Town of Longmeadow has a limited supply of face masks to provide to residents who are in need of a mask or face covering. The towns of Longmeadow and East Longmeadow worked together on a bulk mask purchase which provided the opportunity for both communities to purchase masks at a reduced rate. Distribution of available masks will be prioritized initially to those residents who are 60 years of age or older or have medical issues which make them more vulnerable. If you are in need of a mask please fill out an online form available at www.longmeadow.org/coronavirus or call the Council on Aging at (413) 565-4150.

As a reminder, 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. All persons are required to wear masks or cloth face coverings at all times 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.

Beginning, Saturday, May 23, 2020, the Recycling Center will accept bulky household items, including wood, metal, TVs, tires, propane tanks, etc... a full listing of acceptable items is available on the town [website](#). The Recycling Center will not accept mattresses for the immediate future as the vendor who disposes of them is closed right now. The Swap Shop will remain closed. Payment for disposing of bulky household items will only be accepted at the Recycling Center via check. The Attendants will be wearing masks and gloves and residents will need to do the same. The Recycling Center will be open on Saturdays from 8am – 5pm, and Sundays and Wednesdays from 10am – 5pm, to use the facility you must have a valid dump/transfer station sticker. Stickers are available for purchase [online](#). Yard waste will continue to be accepted at the Recycling Center as well.

The Town Election is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020. The deadline to register to vote in the June 16 Election is Wednesday, May 27. Registering to vote can be done [online](#), by [mail](#) or by completing a registration form in the lobby of the Police Station. 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.

The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020 with a rain date of June 24. The meeting will be held outside at Longmeadow High School. An Annual Town Meeting logistics team has been meeting for several weeks to prepare and plan for Town Meeting. A copy of the warrant has been posted online and is available for viewing at www.longmeadow.org/townmeeting. In order to help with planning efforts we are asking residents to take a survey on whether they will be attending Town Meeting, the survey is available on the website. Warrant booklets are being printed and will be delivered to households in early June.

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.
