



Town of

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## Town of Longmeadow Update COVID-19 Coronavirus

### **Tennis Courts Reopening, Face Masks Available to Residents, Recycling Center Opens Saturday for Bulky/Household Items, May 21, 2020**

On Monday, May 18, Governor Baker's Reopening Advisory Board released a report outlining the phases of reopening in the Commonwealth. Town departments have been reviewing the guidance and beginning to develop plans to reopen departments, buildings, and programs using the framework supplied by the Reopening Advisory Board. Beginning on Monday, May 25, 2020, at 8:00 AM Blinn Tennis Courts will reopen. Signage will be placed notifying users of the courts that they need to follow safety guidelines while using the courts. The clay tennis courts at Bliss Park will remain closed while maintenance is performed. The staff at Storrs Library is working hard on phase 1 reopening plans which will include contactless curbside pickup, more information on that will be released soon.

**One critical component to every reopening plan has been the requirement of wearing masks when out in public.** Town of Longmeadow has a limited supply of face masks to provide to residents who are in need of a mask or face covering. 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](http://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.

As always, updates on the Town of Longmeadow response to COVID-19 coronavirus will continue to be posted on [www.longmeadow.org/coronavirus](http://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](mailto:LEMD@longmeadow.org) or visit [www.longmeadow.org/coronavirus](http://www.longmeadow.org/coronavirus).

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