

Town of Southwick Board of Health and Select Board COVID-19 Update for April 3, 2020

As of Friday, April 3, 2020, there have been 10 positive cases of COVID-19 in the Town of Southwick. The Southwick Board of Health would like to stress that this is not a complete profile of the status of COVID-19 in the Town of Southwick. This number reflects those individuals who have received positive test results and *not* those awaiting results, untested symptomatic individuals, and those who might currently be asymptomatic.

The Town of Southwick requests residents to respect the privacy of individuals who have tested positive or are in quarantine. We also urge residents to continue to follow all public health precautions for reducing the spread of COVID-19: stay home unless absolutely necessary; if you must go out in public, practicing social distancing and proper hygiene etiquette; and if you are experiencing signs of illness - fever, cough, shortness of breath – call your primary care provider for advice.

On Tuesday, March 31, Governor Baker issued an order extending the closure of non-essential businesses and organizations for in-person operations until May 4, 2020. In response to this extension, bulk item and brush drop-off at the Town Transfer Station will continue to be suspended while the Department of Public Works and the Select Board formulate a new plan for disposing these items. The Governor's order also extends the prohibition on gatherings of 10 or more until May 4, 2020, and allows the Town to impose penalties on those disregarding the order.

Case numbers and updated information regarding COVID-19 will be posted every Friday at southwickma.org. For additional up-to-date information please visit mass.gov/2019coronavirus and cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov. For non-emergency information and assistance, please call 2-1-1 or visit mass211.org.