

Town of Southwick Board of Health and Select Board COVID-19 Update for April 10, 2020

As of Friday, April 10, 2020, there have been 15 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 Southwick Senior Center continues to offer grab-and-go meals Monday through Friday. Please call the Senior Center at 569-5498 the day before you would like the meal. Pick up is at 11:30am with a \$3.00 suggested donation. The meals are provided by Highland Valley Elder Services and will be packaged cold and may need to be heated up. If you are unable to drive and get your meal we will deliver it to your home. If you need essential items at the grocery store or prescriptions from the pharmacy and you have no family to help you, we will make arrangements to pick these items up for you. We are asking residents to check on their elderly family members and neighbors and to do shopping and transfer station runs for them without entering their residence. Please follow all social distancing recommendations. Brown Bag pick up will be held on Tuesday, April 14, out of the garage at Town Hall from 12:00pm-12:30pm. If you are already signed up for this program, you are eligible to pick up a bag.

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.

Efforts are underway for town boards to conduct their meetings remotely under the Zoom Conference Call platform in order to gradually bring back services to residents and to inform the public about ongoing town business.

Residents are urged 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.

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.