Town of Southwick Board of Health and Select Board COVID-19 Update for April 23, 2021

As of the most recent weekly public health report, there have been **576** positive cases of COVID-19 in the Town of Southwick. Additional information on case numbers can be found at mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting.

NEW INFORMATION ON COVID-19 VACCINE – The West of the River Regional Collaborative Vaccine Site on the Big E Fair Grounds will begin administering COVID-19 vaccine on April, 20th. To make an appointment, please visit home.color.com/vaccine/register/westspringfield. For senior residents without access to the internet or who need help registering, please call the Southwick Council on Aging at 569-5498. The State website, vaxfinder.mass.gov, is also available to residents and continues to add appointments on a rolling basis. Additionally, seniors can call **2-1-1** for assistance with locating and signing up for the vaccine. As of April 19th, the general public, ages 16 years of age and older (depending on vaccine administered), are now eligible.

TRAVEL ADVISORY - All visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, are advised to quarantine for 10 days upon their arrival. Travelers are exempt from this advisory if they have a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72 hours prior to their arrival in Massachusetts. If not obtained before entry to Massachusetts, a test may be obtained after arrival, as long as travelers quarantine until a negative test result has been received. Anyone who is returning to Massachusetts after an absence of fewer than 24 hours is exempt from this advisory. Travelers who are fully vaccinated 14 days or more ago prior to visiting/returning and who do not have symptoms are exempt from this advisory. Travelers are encouraged to consult and follow the CDC's guidelines and requirements for travel: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19 .

The Town Hall north side lobby is open to the public for Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, and Assessors services. All other offices are available by phone, on-line, and by appointment. Due to the nature of our operations during the pandemic, please call these other offices before visiting Town Hall. All efforts have been made to ensure that customers and staff are kept safe. The Town of Southwick asks all visitors entering the building to abide by all posted signage. A process is currently underway to determine when the remainder of town hall offices will open.

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; wear face coverings when inside retail stores and when social distancing cannot be maintained; and if you are experiencing signs of illness - fever, cough, shortness of breath – call your primary care provider for advice.

The Southwick Board of Health and Select Board continue to post case numbers and updated information regarding COVID-19 every week 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.