

## **Town of Southwick Board of Health and Select Board COVID-19 Update for April 24, 2020**

As of Friday, April 24, 2020, there have been 29 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. Additionally, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is posting cases by municipality. This information can be accessed at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-cases-quarantine-and-monitoring>.

Starting Monday, April 27, 2020, Town residents with a Transfer Station sticker may bring brush at no cost to TJ Bark Mulch, at 25 Sam West Road. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 8AM to 4PM. Bulky items requiring a separate permit will still not be accepted at the Transfer Station until further notice.

The Southwick Conservation Commission is currently reviewing the use of open space properties and suggested precaution procedures. The Commission will be opening the Granville Gorge parking area for the season on Saturday, April 25, 2020. When utilizing parks and trails, please share the trail and warn others of your presence as you pass, refrain from gathering in large groups, observe recommended social distancing of six feet, and stay home if you are exhibiting symptoms.

Town boards are continuing 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 of 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, practice 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.

The Southwick Board of Health and Select Board continue to post case numbers and updated information regarding COVID-19 every Friday at [southwickma.org](https://southwickma.org). For additional up-to-date information please visit [mass.gov/2019coronavirus](https://mass.gov/2019coronavirus) and [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov). For non-emergency information and assistance, please call 2-1-1 or visit [mass211.org](https://mass211.org).