



HARWICH COVID-19 GUIDANCE DOCUMENT #10

Town initiating greatly reduced operational capacity during anticipated surge period

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NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

Whereas public health experts are saying that Massachusetts will see a peak in the number of cases of COVID-19 as well as the number of people requiring hospital services due to the virus during the time between April 11th and April 20th, the Town of Harwich is greatly reducing government operations during this period to do as much as possible to reduce the risk of infection for our staff and the public.

Please go to the main page of the town's website to access each department's operational plan in detail.

<https://www.harwich-ma.gov/>

Specifically, all inspectional services will be suspended and the transfer station will be accepting household solid waste and recycling only. The transfer station will be enacting a new traffic flow pattern to allow for proper social distancing. This new process will require longer wait times, so please plan accordingly.

We will be re-assessing this expanded work processes on April 15th in order to decide if we are able to resume our current staffing plan.

We are trying to do our part to reduce the strain on EMS and healthcare staff during this time because they will be very busy. By staying home, we are staying out of their way and staying healthy by reducing our exposure to others.

These actions are not taken lightly and are intended as an effort to broaden social distancing efforts while, as much as practicable, striving to continue municipal government operations in support of our community.

In short, we are effecting greater social distancing while reaffirming our community engagement in these unprecedented times. We urge everyone to take every effort to do the same. We will be a stronger community once we get through this difficult time together.

Respectfully submitted,

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