



TOWN OF FALMOUTH
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Dear Falmouth Community:

Over the past several weeks, Health Agent Scott McGann, School Superintendent Lori Duerr, Fire Chief Michael Small, Police Chief Edward Dunne, and Town Manager Julian Suso have assessed and responded to the possible impact of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, to our community. We certainly appreciate your patience and support during these uncertain times.

With guidance from the Town of Falmouth Health Department and School Department consulting physician, Dr. Gregory Parkinson, along with an abundance of caution, we have determined that the Falmouth Public Schools is currently closed and will remain so for two weeks with an expectation to reopen on Monday, March 30, 2020. While closed, all school activities are cancelled. In addition, other Town facilities will also be closed to the public during this time. They include:

- The Falmouth Public Library locations at Main Street, East Falmouth, and North Falmouth: Library staff will work regular schedules and be available to provide services to the public by phone and email.
- The Falmouth Senior Center: All group classes and activities are cancelled. Senior Services employees will be on duty and available to meet with clients by appointment and by phone to continue critical services to seniors during this time.
- The Gus Cauty Recreation Center: Staff will work regular schedules and be available to provide services to the public by phone and email.

During week two, we will assess the need to extend these closures. The purpose of these closures is to allow for the preventative action of social distancing. All members of the Falmouth Community are strongly encouraged to avoid unnecessary travel. Please remember that those who are elderly and members of high risk populations require additional precautions and should avoid crowds and nonessential travel. For additional information, please visit these websites:

- Center for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html>
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health <https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>
- Falmouth Health Department <http://www.falmouthmass.us/1059/Flu-Coronavirus>

These actions will be most effective with the help and cooperation of the community. The health and safety of the Falmouth community remain our highest priority.

Town and School administrators will continue to coordinate planning efforts, and more information will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Falmouth Public Schools

Julian M. Suso
Falmouth Town Manager