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The Hudson Fire Department is working with our local Board of Health, other local officials, state and federal entities to manage operations and logistics surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. We are working to ensure the safety, health and welfare of our residents, employees and visitors.

Effective immediately, public access to both Fire stations, 296 Cox St., Headquarters and Station One, 1 Washington St. will be restricted.

Both stations are staffed 24 hours a day throughout the year. Each station is equipped with a phone and/or doorbell in the vestibule that can be used to notify the on-duty personnel if you are experiencing an emergency. There may be times when personnel are out of the station on an emergency. Do not hesitate to dial 911 from your cellular phone. Fire and Police dispatch are both operated out of the Police headquarters located at 911 Municipal Dr. A firefighter, emergency medical dispatcher or police officer will respond to your urgent needs. The alternate number for dispatch is (978) 562-3434.

Use of the training room by outside organization is suspended until further notice.

Stations tours and visits are suspended until further notice.

The issuing of paper burn permits has been suspended for the rest of the open burn season which ends May 1st. Open burning of brush only may continue as allowed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Residents are required to call fire dispatch each day they need to burn brush at (978) 562-3435. Residents must report their address, name and phone number which will be recorded daily. All previous rules with respect to open burning of brush apply.

During regular business hours, please call 978-562-5565, the fire chief's office, for routine business fire department business.

Most fire department permit forms can be accessed on line at townofhudson.org

Fire Department inspections, including 26F for smoke and CO detectors, will be scheduled by calling (978) 562-5565 as usual to make an appointment and be completed on an as needed basis.

Key Public Health Messages for All Residents:

- **Protect yourself by following public health advice about keeping your hands clean, and covering coughs and sneezes.**
- **Stay home if you are sick.**
- **Protect others who are most at risk of COVID-19 by keeping your distance from people (at least 6 feet away from others), especially those who are older, and people living with chronic health conditions.**
- **If you are outside, avoid crowds.**
- **Don't shake hands or hug.**
- **Stay connected to friends and loved ones by phone or through other technology.**
- **Get information from trusted sources. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus> for the latest news, case counts, and lab testing results.**

In Case of Emergency:

Please dial 911 for medical and other types of emergencies as always.

For Non-emergencies:

Massachusetts 2-1-1 - Massachusetts residents are urged to use 2-1-1 for information, resources, and referrals regarding COVID-19. Operators are staffing this hotline 24/7 and translators are available in multiple languages. Residents with questions can dial 2-1-1 from any landline or cellphone, or use the live chat option on the Mass 2-1-1 website.

Thank you in advance for your continued understanding during the public health emergency