

PRESS RELEASE

March 23, 2020 (updated from March 16, 2020)

On March 23, 2020 Governor Baker issued a stay at home order for all non-essential businesses to take effect at noon on March 24, 2020 and continue for two weeks. Town of Hudson will comply with this order. Effective at noon on March 24, 2020:

Buildings

All Town of Hudson buildings will be closed to the public. Police and Fire Headquarters and Fire Station 1 will be open for emergencies only.

Departments

Police, Fire, DPW, Inspectional Services, Health and the Town Clerk will remain available to the public via email and telephone.

Other departments will be staffed remotely. Online services will be maintained. These departments may have limited voicemail capabilities. Our phone system does not allow forwarding to remote land lines or cell phones, so our ability to take calls will be severely curtailed. The best method to reach departments is via email. While not all email addresses are on our department webpages, our standard nomenclature is first initial, last name @townofhudson.org. For example: tmoses@townofhudson.org.

Transfer Station

Open

Overnight Parking Ban

Lifted as of noon March 24, 2020

Public Meetings

Because of the 10-person gathering limit, board and commission meetings will not be open to the general public. In order to protect staff, HUD –TV will likely suspend broadcast of most, if not all meetings. We are working on deploying a standard remote audio/video platform. That will be announced in the coming days.

It is too early to make a decision on Town Meeting.

It is important to understand that the current environment is fluid, and the details of this announcement may change at any time due to federal or state directives, medical progress or widening transmission. We encourage the public to stay up to date by enrolling in alerts at

www.townofhudson.org. Any medical or public health questions should be directed to the Health Department at (978) 562-2020. Please note that they are experiencing high call volume, and will return phone calls as soon as possible giving priority to urgent matters. For the most up-to-date information, visit the Health Department website at: <http://www.hudsonhealthdept.org/coronavirus-covid19-updates> and follow their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/HudsonBOH/>. As always, for emergencies call 911, but only for emergencies.