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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Re: COVID-19 Response, Town of Chesterfield, MA

For more information, contact Susan Labrie, Town Administrator (413) 296-4771 ext. 1#

The Town of Chesterfield Select Board, in consultation with the Board of Health and Emergency Planning Committee, entered into a local State of Emergency effective 8:00 p.m. on March 15, 2020. This was done in order to best prepare and protect the residents of the Town of Chesterfield in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This declaration eases some procurement requirements, allows the Town to overspend line items, and gives the Police and Fire Chiefs more flexibility in staffing.

In an effort to protect the health of Town officials and employees, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and to continue essential Town government operations, all Chesterfield municipal buildings will be closed to the general public effective 8 a.m. March 16, 2020. The Town municipal buildings include the Town Office, Town Hall, Police Station, Fire Station, Highway Garage, Library, and Community/Senior Center. All Town employees will continue to work their usual hours in their offices.

What does this mean?

- All Municipal Town buildings will always be locked.
- Employees will not be meeting with the public, but will continue to communicate with residents and vendors by phone, email, and regular mail.
- There will be no outside programs or events held at the Town municipal buildings.
- Boards and committees that meet will continue under the new temporary State open meeting law guidelines and be seated at least 6 feet apart from each other.
- There will be no Council on Aging events or programs such as exercise class, luncheons, or foot care clinic.
- The Transfer Station will remain open. Residents will be asked to move along quickly.

We understand that this temporary government building lock-down may make things more difficult and slow down some projects. However, the Select Board feels it is a necessary precaution under the rapidly changing environment as a result of COVID-19. The Select Board, Board of Health, and the Emergency Planning Committee are monitoring the situation closely. We will communicate any additional information as soon as it becomes available and will reassess on March 30th.

More information is available on the Town website (www.townofchesterfieldma.com), which will be updated as new material becomes available.

Specific department level questions should be directed to the relevant department; whose contact information is on the Town website under the CONTACTS tab.

General questions should be directed to Town Administrator Sue Labrie at (413) 296-4771 ext. 1#