

March 27, 2020

To Residents of Ludlow:

This is Derek DeBarge, your Chairman of the Board of Selectmen with a weekly update regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic and how it relates to our town operations and you, our community at large.

As you have all most likely heard, our Governor has closed all Massachusetts public and private schools until May 4<sup>th</sup>. He has also banned the use of re-usable shopping bags until further notice so all store bags must be used. However, stores cannot charge a fee for the use of paper or plastic bags. Governor Baker has also issued a Stay-at Home advisory for all residents of Massachusetts. He is further requesting that anyone considering traveling into MA stay away. If you do enter you should self-quarantine for 14 days. This order excludes frontline and designated essential workers.

Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities could increase the risk of others. Please remember that it is critical that you do your part to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. Residents are asked to only leave their homes to address essential needs, go to work if required, and get some fresh air and exercise. However, you must practice social distancing and take all pertinent precautions that we all have heard repeatedly throughout this crisis.

We are not getting accurate numbers of positive tests from our local hospitals due to a back log of testing. Therefore, and for the safety of our First Responders, we ask that you notify our Board of Health if you have tested positive, or if you feel sick and decide to self-quarantine, or if you self-quarantine because you feel that you may have been around someone who was compromised. To contact the Board of Health please call 413-583-5600 ext. 1272 or email [cmesser@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:cmesser@ludlow.ma.us)

Finally, let me just say that on behalf of our Town Administrator, Ellie Villano, our Board of Selectmen, and all department heads, we thank you all for your patience, cooperation, and perseverance throughout this difficult time. We will get through this together as Ludlow and her people are Forever Strong!

God Bless and Take Care of Each Other,

Thank you