

Town of Ludlow – Press Release

April 10, 2020

As of today, we currently have 30 reported positive COVID-19 cases. It is also with a heavy heart that I report to you our first confirmed deaths, related to the COVID-19 virus, of (2) residents of our Town. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say that our thoughts and prayers are with their families and loved ones in this most difficult time.

Last week, the Board of Selectmen voted to postpone the Annual Town Meeting until June 22nd. As you already know, our Town Election will be held on June 1st. Also, at our upcoming meeting on April 14th, the Board of Selectmen will discuss the possibility of delaying the May 1st due date of the 4th quarter property taxes to June 1st.

Randall's Farm and Greenhouse will be closed Easter Sunday and Monday April 13th to give their employees a much-deserved break during this unprecedented time. Big-y will be closed the same two days in all their locations for the same reason.

As we enter our 4th week of the Governor's stay-at-home advisory, we are seeing our positive test cases rise almost daily. This also means that our infected individuals, without tests, are likely rising as well. According to our experts, we still haven't reached our peak which should happen over the next couple of weeks. Therefore, we must remain diligent, patient, and resolute. Governor Baker advised all residents of Massachusetts to wear masks when they go out in public. This advisory is consistent with recommendations issued by the CDC. He said everyone should wear a mask in public if they cannot maintain a six-foot distance from others.

Finally, specifically to those congregating in groups in places like Cislak Drive and others, you need to STOP! You are putting yourselves and others in jeopardy. Stay home and find other ways to occupy your time. We cannot have our police officers constantly putting themselves at risk responding to non-emergency calls for large groups of loiterers that are not adhering to safety and health protocols while most of us are trying to make an effort to comply. Parents and guardians help us out. Please be a part of the solution.

Happy Easter to All and Take Care of Each Other,

Derek G. DeBarge

Chairman, Board of Selectmen

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