

Town of Ludlow – Press Release

May 1, 2020

As of today, we believe that we have approximately 63 positive cases of the COVID-19 virus and 4 deaths related to complications from the virus. Please remember that our numbers of the positive cases are approximate and change due to various factors. We try to provide the most accurate information we can.

From our Town Clerk: Monday, June 1st, 2020 is our Annual Town Election. For this election, early voting by mail only is available for any qualified voter. Please contact the Town Clerk's office if you have any questions @ 413-583-5600 ext. 1230

From our Veteran's Service Officer: Veterans or spouses of deceased Veterans may qualify for financial help during these difficult times. Visit www.mavetben.org for information. Additionally, if you are a Veteran who needs food. Please contact our Veteran's Services Dept. @ 413-385-1790

From our Department of Public Works: Center Street construction work has resumed from the area of Harding Avenue to Chapin Street. The work should continue for the next two weeks so avoid the are if possible or expect some delays at times.

From our Police Department: There have been some reported motor vehicle break-ins over the last week. Please remember to remain vigilant, lock your doors, and keep your outside lights on.

From our Senior Center: Though they are closed to the public, they are staffed to serve the senior population. If you are a senior or if you know a senior in need of services, please call 413-583-3564. You can also get information on our local cable access channel 191.

A message from the Ludlow Cares Coalition: Ludlow Cares would like to announce that their webinar titled Teens, Tweens, and Quarantines by Jon Mattleman is now up on their website @ www.ludlowcarescoalition.org and their Facebook page. Jon Mattleman is a mental health counselor and trainer with 35 years of experience working with youth, parents, and families. He provides tools and strategies as we manage the stresses of our current stay-at-home order.

Finally, Governor Baker signed an executive order today requiring residents to wear masks in public, including people who take public transit and grocery shopping. The executive order will take effect on May 6th. This makes the state's recommendation for people to wear face coverings and masks in places where they cannot socially distance mandatory. The order says violators "may" face a fine up to \$300, but Baker is expected to leave enforcement up to local officials. We are all well aware that specific establishments in our town require that the public wear face coverings upon entry, yet this doesn't always happen. We all need to adhere to the order for the health, safety and betterment of our neighbors. Hopefully by doing this, it will lead to a drop in exposures across the state, a beginning of opening some things up, and eventually a return to some semblance of normalcy. Let's continue to work together.

God Bless and Take care of Each Other,

Derek G. DeBarge

Chairman, Board of Selectmen