



**TOWN OF BECKET  
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
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March 16, 2020

Dear Community,

As a result of the President's declaration of a national emergency, Governor Baker's similar declaration, and orders relating to COVID-19, all town buildings will be closed to the public. Staff will be working their normal hours. All business to be conducted through the Town Hall must be conducted over the phone or via email. Payments to the Town can be completed online through the Town's website or through the mail. We will be looking to install a secure drop box for payments delivered to Town Hall. We recommend online payments or payments through the mail in the form of check or money order. Please avoid using cash. In special circumstances, an appointment may be set up. The Town's website is [www.townofbecket.org](http://www.townofbecket.org).

Additionally, the Board of Selectmen has declared a State of Emergency for the Town of Becket. This will give the Town the best opportunity to support its residents, conduct business and become eligible for access to potential state and federal aid in combating this public health threat. This measure will go into effect at 9:00am, Monday, March 16, 2020.

As noted in Friday's message, please follow the recommendations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control for measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 virus. Please check-in on neighbors and friends. With limited options within the Town, people may need groceries, please help to support the people around you.

Other measures outlined by the Governor include:

- Call 2-1-1 for non-emergency information
- All public and private schools are to close from Tuesday 3/17/2020 until 4/7/2020
- No on premise dining or drinking at bars or restaurants from Tuesday 3/17/2020 until 4/7/2020
- Banning visitors from nursing and rest homes
- Banning all gatherings of more than 25 people
- Grocery stores and pharmacies will remain unaffected

Additional information can be found through news sources and [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)

Remember that our local police, ambulance, and fire departments remain ready and prepared to respond to emergencies by dialing 9-1-1.

Please continue to utilize social distancing measures to slow the spread of the virus. We are all in this together and will get through this together.



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**Helpful Links and Phone Numbers:**

Berkshire Health Systems: <https://www.berkshirehealthsystems.org/>

Berkshire Health Systems COVID-19 Hotline: (855) BMC-LINK  
(855) 262-5465

Massachusetts Department of Public Health: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-public-health>

Centers for Disease Control: <http://coronavirus.gov/>

Sincerely,

William J. Caldwell

Town Administrator