



**TOWN OF BECKET**  
**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**  
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Dear Community,

As many of you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has become a constant in the news and is spreading across the world. Massachusetts, like other states, has seen a dramatic increase in the number of tests and confirmed cases. We have three confirmed cases in Becket. This is a time to remain prepared. Use the guidelines as outlined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control. Handwashing, cleaning surfaces, social distancing, avoid touching your face are a few measures that can help stop the spread of the virus.

Following the Governor's advisory made Monday, staff at the Town Hall will work remotely as much as possible. Like you, we are trying to navigate this difficult and unique period of time. I would like to reinforce to the residents of Becket that we are still working diligently to carry out the mission of each Town department. Attached is a directory of phone extensions and emails so that you may remain in contact with staff here.

Yesterday, the Governor provided additional guidance regarding school and grocery stores/pharmacies. Schools may not open before May 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be reassessed in April. Reusable bags are no longer permitted in grocery stores and pharmacies and stores will need to provide paper or plastic bags at no charge.

We encourage payments either online or through the mail. We have also installed a payment drop box outside Town Hall for drop-off payments. Please do not leave cash. The drop box will be emptied daily.

Please keep in touch with your friends and neighbors. There are people in Town that may need groceries or merely someone to talk to, so please reach out to someone in need. Also, please support our local businesses during this difficult time.

We are all trying our best to get through this uncharted situation. Follow the guidelines from the state and federal government to help protect yourself and people around you. We will keep you updated on this ever-changing situation. Please stay safe and work to stay healthy.

Sincerely,

William J. Caldwell  
Town Administrator

## ***TELEPHONE / E-MAIL DIRECTORY OF TOWN SERVICES***

### **All Emergencies, Call 911 *Local Public Safety (non-emergency)***

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT / <a href="mailto:fire@townofbecket.org">fire@townofbecket.org</a></b>	<b>1-413-207-1602</b>
<b>AMBULANCE / <a href="mailto:ambulance@townofbecket.org">ambulance@townofbecket.org</a></b>	<b>623-5027</b>
<b>POLICE / <a href="mailto:police@townofbecket.org">police@townofbecket.org</a></b>	<b>623-6010</b>
<b>STATE POLICE</b>	<b>243-0600</b>

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT / [highway@townofbecket.org](mailto:highway@townofbecket.org) 623-8988**

### ***Becket Town Offices 623-8934 (see extension)***

#### **Department/e-mail addresses**

#### **Extensions for 623-8934**

Selectmen's Office/Administrative Asst. / <a href="mailto:adminasst@townofbecket.org">adminasst@townofbecket.org</a>	#100
Town Clerk / <a href="mailto:townclerk@townofbecket.org">townclerk@townofbecket.org</a>	#111
Treasurer / <a href="mailto:treasurer@townofbecket.org">treasurer@townofbecket.org</a>	#112
Town Administrator / <a href="mailto:adminsitrator@townofbecket.org">adminsitrator@townofbecket.org</a>	#113
Building Inspector / <a href="mailto:building@townofbecket.org">building@townofbecket.org</a>	#114
Tax Collector / <a href="mailto:collector@townofbecket.org">collector@townofbecket.org</a>	#116
Assessors / <a href="mailto:assessors@townofbecket.org">assessors@townofbecket.org</a>	#118
Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals / <a href="mailto:planning@townofbecket.org">planning@townofbecket.org</a> / <a href="mailto:zoning@tonwofbecket.org">zoning@tonwofbecket.org</a>	#120
Board of Health / <a href="mailto:health@townofbecket.org">health@townofbecket.org</a>	#122
Council on Aging / <a href="mailto:adminasst@townofbecket.org">adminasst@townofbecket.org</a>	#127
Conservation Commission / <a href="mailto:conservation@townofbecket.org">conservation@townofbecket.org</a>	#129
Harbor Master / <a href="mailto:harbor@townofbecket.org">harbor@townofbecket.org</a>	#140
Animal Control Officer / use telephone only	#156

**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/>