

COVID-19 Work Group – Community Update 2

We are working diligently to keep our community safe and healthy

We must continue to stay vigilant with hand-washing and maintaining Social / Physical Distance. Travel only for essential needs, such as groceries or prescriptions, call and check on your neighbors. Obtain information from reliable sources.

Residents who are not connected to the Town's Reverse 911 Call System or Robo Calls and wish to be added may send an email to: Selectboard@cummington-ma.gov or call 413.634.5354 with your complete Name, Address and Phone Number (Cell or Home). It will be added into the system for you. The Working Group wants to allow everyone the opportunity to access the latest relevant information about the virus, by as many sources as are available. Along with this weekly update, these calls are a good means for the Covid-19 Workgroup to communicate important information with Town residents.

While at home, if you have not yet done so, please fill out 2020 Census forms by logging onto: <https://my2020census.gov/login>. Completing the 2020 Census is important to the Town.

The following are proposed dates for Town functions:

Town Caucus - May 11

Annual Town meeting - June 19

Town Election - June 29

The location of these events has not yet been determined.

Until further notice, Pettingill Park will be closed to the public as a precaution due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This includes use of the pavilion, play structures, swings, tennis court and baseball diamond. Please understand that we have closed the park for the health and well being of all residents.

Does your child have a birthday coming up? Let us help make their special day even better by having a Police car and Fire Truck drive by your house to arrange a ride by birthday greeting from the Cummington Emergency Services (Police+Fire) call 634-0333 to set up a date and time.

If you feel well, have no symptoms or fever, you should still remain at home, as much as possible, but also go for walks, drives, exercise or anything you normally would, just follow all the basics ie.

Maintain six foot distance, wash hands regularly, do not use public transportation, if possible, don't have guests or family in your home unless you are sure about their habits and potential exposure, go shopping for essentials when necessary, facial cover if available, do not touch your face – use basic common sense. If you are sick, stay at home.

We need to remain removed from potential exposures, while having increased communication with our families, children, friends and neighbors.

Also, please understand that false or inaccurate information spread through unofficial channels not only makes it harder to track the virus, it creates unnecessary fear and confusion. Assure children we are safe but must follow guidelines. During these difficult and ever-changing times please ensure the information you are getting is coming from an accurate and trusted source

Currently the Town of Cummington has 2 cases of potential COVID-19 exposure in quarantine and 1 case of confirmed COVID-19.

Cummington Emergency Services (Police & Fire) stand equipped and ready to respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. During this time some protocols have changed, they will be donning personal protective equipment (PPE), limiting the amount of personal interaction, all with the focus on keeping responders and our community safe.

CERT has continued making wellness check phone calls, and our community volunteers are still making companionship phone calls. The Help Network in conjunction with CERT have made many grocery shopping and prescription pick-up and delivery trips for those unable to shop. We are now collaborating with our neighbors in Worthington for food relief. Cummington and Worthington have a new food pantry distribution site at the RH Conwell School in Worthington. Food pick-ups are on Thursdays, and people needing food must call/text 238-1999 or email relief@worthington-ma.us by 10am Thursday to pick-up that day. If you need this food, but are unable to pick it up, after contacting Worthington, please call Sarah/Lee at 634-5452 or email cummingtoncertcvhelp@gmail.com to arrange a delivery.

If you have information about a case or possible case of COVID-19 please reach out to the Cummington Board of Health at (413) 634.0056 or via email: boh@cummington-ma.gov. They have the authority and means to follow any leads brought to their attention.

If at any time, you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the COVID-19 Workgroup through the Police Department Business Line at (413) 634-0056. To report emergencies, please DIAL 911

Stay Safe, Make Healthy Choices and Please Connect with Family, Friends and Neighbors during this difficult and stressful time. We are all navigating this situation together.

The Cummington COVID-19 Workgroup

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