

COVID-19 Work Group – Community Update 5 – May 26, 2020
We are working diligently to keep our community safe and healthy

The following is Phase 1 Guidance - Safer-at-Home Advisory - DPH Public Health Advisory

- People over the age of 65 and people who have underlying health conditions – who are at high risk for COVID-19 – should continue to stay home except for essential errands such as going to the grocery store and to attend to healthcare needs.
- All residents are advised to leave home only for healthcare, worship and permitted work, shopping, and outdoor activities.
- When going to the pharmacy ask if you can fill your prescriptions for 90 days if possible; for some medications this is not allowed. If you are at high-risk, try to use a mail-order service.
- Don't participate in close contact activities such as pick-up sports games
- All residents are REQUIRED to cover their face when they cannot maintain six feet of distance in public.
- Parents should limit play dates for children.
- Refrain from visiting nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, or other residential care settings.
- All residents are advised to wash their hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soapy water.
- All residents are advised to be vigilant, monitor for symptoms and stay home if you feel sick.
- Use remote modes of communication like phone or video chat instead of visiting friends or family who are high risk for COVID-19.

Student Graduations –

Have someone graduating high school or college in town? This an important accomplishment and despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to recognize as many as possible! Please email Mike Perkins (mperkins@cummingtonpolice.com) with graduate information (Name & School) - Thank You!

Resident Birthday Reminders!

If you or someone you know is having a birthday, Cummington Fire and Police would like to join in the celebration!! Please contact either the Police Business Line (413.634.0056) or the Fire Business Line (413.634.0333) and give us the details! We'd love to come celebrate!

Food pantry distribution is available to Cummington residents at the RH Conwell School in Worthington. Food pick-ups are on Thursdays from 1-1:30. Please call/text 238-1999 or email relief@worthington-ma.us by 10am Thursday to pick-up that day. Delivery available.

Cummington CERT and Community Help Network are continuing to offer prescription pick-up and delivery as needed for Cummington and Worthington residents. Also local grocery deliveries on Tuesdays and Fridays. Orders must be in by Monday and Thursday by 2pm. Please email cummingtoncertcvhelp@gmail.com or call 634-5452 to arrange a delivery.

Currently the Town of Cummington has 1 case of confirmed COVID-19.

Town Election and Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on June 19, venue to be determined. Town Election scheduled for June 29. If you would like to better understand the rules and guidelines we are following, please check the following links:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-23-2020-essential-services-and-revised-gatherings-order/download>
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/may-1-2020-masks-and-face-coverings/download>

Last day to register is June 9, 2020 for our town election on June 29, 2020, 1-8 p.m. at the Community House. We will observe all state protocols during our election.

If you want to vote by absentee ballot, fill out the enclosed 2020 Municipal Election Application, included (extras will be at the post office and on our town website) and return to the Town Clerk, at PO Box 128, Cummington, MA. After receiving the applications absentee ballots will be sent out that will have to be returned no later than 8 p.m. on June 29, 2020, for them to be counted.

The Hilltown Mobile Market - Blandford, Cummington, Huntington & Worthington - July 23-Oct 9

The Hilltown Mobile Market is coming back this summer with more farms, new locations, a longer season, and double the number of farm shares! Your support during our pilot season last year resulted in increased grant funding to purchase a market vehicle and broaden our reach to more communities. Starting in July, we will bring "pop-up" markets to Blandford, Cummington, Huntington, and Worthington each week for twelve weeks, stocked with the freshest Hilltown-grown produce. Stop by and shop with cash, credit, debit, SNAP, WIC, or Senior FMNP Coupons, or sign up online now for a Hilltown Mobile Market Farm Share to support our farms and guarantee your pick of each week's harvest. The Farm Share is an affordable option with a sliding scale between \$5-20 per week and is also eligible for HIP (Healthy Incentives Program) reimbursements! The market is supported by Healthy Hampshire, Hilltown Community Development and the Hilltown Community Health Center. For more information or to sign-up for a farm share visit hilltownmobilemarket.info or call or email Caitlin Marquis at 413-588-5562 or cmarquis@collaborative.org.

Current Status of Town Services - Closed - re-open to be determined - Pettingill Park; Community House; Berkshire Trail; Safety Complex; Bryant Free Library. Open - Transfer Station – Wed. 5:30-7:30; Sat. 7:00-11:00; Post Office 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00; Sat. 9-12.

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. 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. 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).

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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