



**TOWN OF SHARON**  
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**TOWN OF SHARON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE**  
**MARCH 12, 2020**

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In light of the ever-evolving situation here in the Commonwealth, the difficult decision was made to cancel all non-essential large gathering events and programs that exceed 60 participants, effective immediately, including those groups that use town facilities/resources. The health and wellbeing of our residents and staff is our top priority. While we certainly understand cancellations are not ideal, we are proceeding with the wellbeing of our participants in mind. We encourage everyone to closely follow information from the Massachusetts Department of Health, Sharon Health Department, and the CDC and exercise good judgement and caution. We will continue to provide updates as needed as the situation progresses.

**Recreation Department**

- Recreation Basketball: At this time, we are making the unfortunate decision to cancel the remainder of the Recreation Basketball season. This includes the 7th & 8th grade program, the high school recreation basketball programs, and Sharon Basketball Stars. These programs will not take place this weekend and will not be rescheduled for a later date.
- Sharon Summer Expo & Town Shamrock Hunt: The Sharon Summer Expo and Town Shamrock Hunt (originally scheduled for Saturday, March 21st) have been cancelled. It is our intention to offer this event again next year.
- Other Recreation programming: At this time, recreation programs outside of the previously mentioned activities will still be held as scheduled. However, we ask our participants to follow guidelines set forth by Massachusetts Department of Health, the Sharon Health Department, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in practicing good hygiene. If you are feeling ill, we ask that you do not attend programs and exercise caution when deciding whether to attend programs. We encourage participants to make their own personal choices when deciding whether to attend.
- If you have any questions, please contact Recreation Director Linda Berger at [lberger@townofsharon.org](mailto:lberger@townofsharon.org) or call 781-784-1530.

**Public Library**

- The library is cancelling/suspending all programming in order to contain the virus and protect patrons in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control, state public health organizations and decisions made by the Board of Library Trustees. Programming decisions for April and May will be determined by the end of March and will be posted on this website and social media.
- We would also like to remind Sharon residents that the Library on Wheels service is available to any and all residents who are unable to make it to the library. Our volunteer drivers can drop off and pick up library materials for anyone who cannot make it to our physical location. Call 781-784-1578 x1426 for more details. \*\*Please note: This service does not apply to anyone in quarantine for potential exposure to the Covid-19 virus. For anyone in quarantine, we recommend you check out our materials in electronic format from [Overdrive](#), [hoopla](#), and [RBDigital Magazines](#). Call the Reference Desk at 781-784-1578 x1422 with any questions.

- If you have any questions, please contact Library Director, Lee Ann Amend at Lamend@ocln.org.

### **Council on Aging/Adult Center**

- The Sharon Adult Center has cancelled all larger programs through Friday, April 3rd.
- As of March 12th, fitness classes, movies, self-led programs, drop-in cards and games, SHINE appointments, and tax assistance appointments will go on as scheduled.
- Cleaning of common areas (including door knobs, counters, etc.) is being done on a continual basis. Wall hand sanitizer units are available at several sites within the Adult Center. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself.
- We will make future programming decisions based on on-going discussions with the Sharon Health Department and Sharon Emergency Management Services.
- Please call the Adult Center, 781-784-8000, to confirm the schedule has not changed or if you have any questions.

### **Governmental Meetings**

- At this time, all meetings of governmental bodies will continue as scheduled. Should circumstances change, we will communicate updates.

As a reminder:

- Take every day precautionary actions to avoid the spread of respiratory viruses like the flu and COVID-19, such as washing your hands frequently for 20 seconds with soap and warm water (or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available), avoiding people who are sick, avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth, and covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue. People who are sick should stay home and not go into crowded public places or visit people in hospitals.
- Anyone who is experiencing a fever and/or respiratory illness and is concerned they have either come into contact with the virus or traveled to an affected country within the last 14 days is advised to contact their primary health care provider.
- Clean things that are frequently touched (like doorknobs and countertops) with household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Get the flu vaccine.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Think about your own personal preparedness for you and your family (<https://www.mass.gov/know-plan-prepare>).

The Health Department remains the primary point of contact, whose work is informed by DPH and the CDC. As you might expect, this is a constantly evolving situation and we will all continue to take our lead from their direction and guidance. For the most up-to-date information, please visit their websites:

Massachusetts Department of Public Health – <http://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

The Town continues to monitor this situation very closely and will be taking any new information day by day. Further updates will be provided on the town's website and various social media platforms as they become available:

Town Website – <https://www.townofsharon.net/>

Town Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/TownofSharonMA/>

Town Twitter – <https://twitter.com/townofsharonma>

School Website – <https://www.sharon.k12.ma.us/>

School Twitter – <https://twitter.com/SharonSchools>

Thank you for your patience and efforts as we navigate this ever-changing situation.