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Wellesley Cancels Non-essential Government Meetings, Urges Vulnerable Populations to Take Extra Precautions

The Town of Wellesley in consultation with the Wellesley Health Department (WHD) and following guidance provided by the State, is canceling all non-essential government meetings in the coming weeks due to increased concerns about the current Coronavirus outbreak. At this time, all mandated public meetings and hearings will take place as scheduled.

Currently, all Wellesley Public Schools and planned school activities will continue to operate on a regular schedule, pending additional guidance from the Governor and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH). Additionally, all currently scheduled Wellesley Free Library activities will take place as planned.

However, the Town and the Health Department are recommending that all meetings, events and activities be held in larger venues if possible and in locations that allow attendees to spread out. We are asking everyone in our community to practice social distancing, increased sanitation and personal hygiene. If you are not feeling well, please refrain from attending meetings, school or activities!

As the risk of contracting COVID-19 is most severe for our vulnerable populations – senior citizens, those with compromised immune systems or chronic health issues, or other high risk groups – we are urging these individuals to take extra precautions and avoid large groups. Anyone who interacts with these vulnerable groups is asked to eliminate contact or limit contact as much as possible.

The Board of Selectmen was notified today that a Town Hall employee has been identified as having attended a meeting with a presumed positive case of COVID-19. The Health Department has determined this employee as low risk. The individual is not showing any symptoms, however in an abundance of caution, the employee will be working remotely from home until March 18. All other Town Hall employees continue to

follow a regular work schedule. This afternoon, Facilities Management Department staff cleaned and disinfected the affected area of Town Hall and will be providing a complete cleaning and sanitizing of the entire Town Hall building tonight. Town Hall will be open regular hours on Wednesday, March 11.

We recognize that concerns in the community are continuing to increase as the Coronavirus situation rapidly changes. We have developed a list of [Community Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and are adding to that list daily. Residents are encouraged to submit questions to the Health Dept. using an [online form](#) found on the WHD webpages. We continue to urge residents to make the personal health decisions they feel are best for themselves and their families.

The Health Department, Town and School officials are in regular contact with State officials and will update any decisions as soon as we receive additional guidance. Our regular COVID-19 briefings will be released to the community at 5:00 PM daily or as soon as we can update information.

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