

Town of Lincoln

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Lincoln Public Health Planning Update

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Dear Residents,

The Town's leadership team has organized a public health emergency planning team comprised of representatives of key boards, departments and agencies to monitor the evolving risk level, and to develop response strategies and communication plans for the community. We have also established a Coronavirus web page at: lincolnpublichealthnews.com where you can find the latest updates from federal, state and local health officials.

Our primary focus at this point is to protect the health and well-being of our residents and town staff, while continuing to provide essential services. The risk level and conditions associated with the public health emergency are rapidly evolving, requiring that we are prepared to adapt quickly. To this end, both the Lincoln-Sudbury and Lincoln Public Schools have decided to close at least through March 30th, the Town Moderator has postponed the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting (details to follow), the Board of Selectmen has voted to postpone the Annual Town Election, and decisions are being made to temporarily halt non-essential town programs, services and board meetings. The Town's key leadership boards (i.e., the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, School Committee, and Finance Committee) will continue to work with the Town Administrator, School Superintendent and other key staff to coordinate our response. High among our priorities is to ensure timely and reliable communications. We will continue to make use of our customary communication channels including the Town's website, Lincolntalk, the Squirrel, cable television, periodic mailings, reverse 911 phone calls when appropriate, our public safety message boards, and social media.

These are clearly unprecedented circumstances. We will pull together in the best spirit of Lincoln, taking care of one another, and doing our best to make smart, informed decisions as the situation unfolds.

Town Contacts:

- Public health questions should be addressed to our Public Health Nurse, Tricia McGean, at: PublicHealthNurse@lincolntown.org.
- Questions regarding town services and response planning should be directed to Town Administrator, Tim Higgins, at: higginst@lincolntown.org.
- Board of Selectmen Chair, Jennifer Glass, is also available to answer questions at: selectmen@lincolntown.org.

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