

TOWN OF WINDSOR COVID-19 UPDATE

July 2020

Hello Windsor Community!

First, let me thank all of you who have shown resilience, patience, and commitment in the face of this COVID-19 pandemic. In Mass., our numbers are trending downwards, providing hope that we are moving in the right direction. As we move into our NEW normal, the Town of Windsor is ready to open their doors. Currently, we are in PHASE II, and if all goes well, Phase III will be right around the corner. Please be aware that MASKS will be worn, at all times, in town buildings until the government certifies a safe vaccine, hopefully at the end of this year.

What does this mean for our town? Slowly, but surely, we will be opening up our doors and outside town activities. Below is a list of places that will be opening up, with a few restrictions:

1. The town offices will be open to the public starting July 6, 2020. The Town Clerk has asked that people make appointments if they need to meet with any of the staff in the building. You will notice that sneeze guards are in place, and yellow markers have been placed on the ground for people to stand at safe distances. The office hours will be Monday 5 pm – 7 pm, Tuesday 10:30 am – 2 pm and Thursday 10:30 am – 2 pm. **A MASK WILL BE REQUIRED INSIDE THE BUILDING.**
2. The Select Board meetings remain ONLINE only. If someone from the town needs to be at a Select Board meeting, they must contact the Town Clerk's Office and set up an appointment to meet. The meetings will still be on Zoom if you would like to listen in.
3. The Library remains closed throughout 2020 as this space becomes reconfigured and safety measures can be put in place for the librarian and visitors. We know several of you love coming to read in the library sitting area, but we want this space to be as safe as possible so you can enjoy doing this activity. Please be patient as books are put online, the sitting space is reorganized, and the bookshelves configured so that people can move around safely. If you would like to order books, please contact the Town Offices.
4. Group meetings should NOT be done at the town offices, but at the town hall. This includes COA, FOW, Green, etc. The Town Hall has space for large group meetings. A few groups have been holding their meetings online (Zoom) or outdoors. Fresh air meetings are encouraged. If you need to use the town hall, please reserve your spot through the Town Clerk's office. If you do meet in the town hall, please wear a mask and thoroughly clean the tables and chairs where you were sitting. Spray bottles will be available.
5. Outside Town activities are encouraged as long as people are able to keep safe distances. This includes community markets, organized activities at the town park, etc. Being outside is a safe way to enjoy time together with friends and family. People have asked about visiting friends at their homes. My family has had several friends over to BBQ outside. We sit safe distances around the campfire while eating and socialize on the deck. I'm not ready to invite people into my house yet, not until after we are well into Phase IV, but I think if we are all conscious about keeping safe distances outside, this would be safe.

Unfortunately, we are seeing surges of this virus in the southern and western parts of the nation. With people traveling from state to state, social distancing and masks will be required until the beginning of next year, or until a vaccine has been developed. I want to commend you all for being so diligent and thoughtful with staying a home, wearing a mask, keeping your social distance and washing your hands several times a day. We will get through this pandemic together, so if you need any help, please contact me and please remember, you are not alone.

We will be posting updates of COVID-19 on Facebook and on the Town of Windsor websites.

Best Regards,
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Covid-19 Coordinator