



We are all in this together and none of us are safe until all of us are safe.

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Stay Informed with www.BarnstableHealth.com

The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource (www.barnstablehealth.com) on March 16, 2020 to keep you up-to-date with the latest information as it relates to reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the working of Barnstable Town government. Visit and bookmark www.barnstablehealth.com.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

What does it mean?

Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases.

Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling events.

AVOID

- Group gatherings
- Sleepovers
- Playdates
- Concerts
- Theater outings
- Traveling
- Athletic events
- Crowded retail stores
- Malls
- Workouts in gyms
- Church Services
- Visitors in your house
- Non-essential workers in your house
- Mass transit systems

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

- Visit a local restaurant to get take out
- Visit grocery store
- Pick up medications
- Play tennis in a park

Keep at least 6' - 8' between yourself and others

SAFE TO DO

- Take a walk
- Go for a hike
- Yard work
- Play in your yard
- Clean out a closet
- Read a good book
- Listen to music
- Cook a meal
- Family game night
- Go for a drive
- Stream a favorite show
- Call or email a friend or elderly neighbor to check in
- Group video chats

Are You on the Town's Reverse 911 System?

The Barnstable Police Department has an emergency notification system. This system was used during the recent winter storms. Make sure you are on our list. Sign up [here](#) today. **What is CodeRED and why is it important to me?** CodeRED is an emergency notification service by which town officials can notify Barnstable residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, text message, or electronic mail about time-sensitive emergency situations or important community alerts. The system is capable of sending messages only to specific neighborhoods or the entire town. Only authorized officials are allowed access to use the system. Frequently asked questions can be reviewed [here](#). Be sure to take a moment to learn more about this important notification system.

A message to Cape Cod: Stay Home, Socially Distance, Be Safe

To: To All of Cape Cod

From: Michael K. Lauf, President and CEO, CCHC

Date: April 09, 2020

Subject: A message to Cape Cod: Stay Home, Socially Distance, Be Safe

As President and CEO of Cape Cod Healthcare, I am seeing every day the effects of COVID-19 on our patients and our caregivers. I also know the important role we can all play in helping to keep our communities safe and stopping the spread of this terrible virus. We are in this together and each of us can make a difference in how Cape Cod deals with this pandemic. I have a request of you as we begin to head into the most important time since COVID-19 became our new reality: PLEASE STAY HOME when possible, CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING, and BE SAFE.

The following are some important recommendations from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

- Only leave your home to address essential needs, get some fresh air and exercise, and if you do, avoid unnecessary contact with other individuals.
- You should still run essential errands such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy but should practice social distancing when shopping.
- When going to the pharmacy, you should fill your prescriptions for 90 days if possible; for some medications this is not allowed.
- You can still go to the gas station, order and pick up take-out food and receive deliveries (e.g. Amazon, UPS, FedEx).
- You should use remote modes of communication such as telephone or video chat (e.g. Facetime, Skype, Facebook Messenger Video Chat) instead of visiting friends or family.
- Non-essential medical care like eye exams, teeth cleaning, and elective procedures must be rescheduled.
- If possible, healthcare visits should be done remotely.
- Parents should not arrange play dates for children during this time.
- All individuals must eliminate close contact activities such as in pick-up sports games.
- Wear a mask when in public.

By changing our behaviors, we can change the trajectory of the outbreak. Please stay at home when possible, please practice social distancing and please be safe. Do it for your community and more importantly, for yourself, your family and your friends.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Lauf
President and CEO, Cape Cod Healthcare

For more COVID-19 information you can trust, please visit:

- **Cape Cod Healthcare:** www.capecodhealth.org/coronavirus
- **Massachusetts Department of Public Health:** <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-cases-quarantine-and-monitoring>
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment:** <https://www.barnstablecountyhealth.org/>

Town Manager Extends Payment Due Dates for Town Bills and Exemptions and Tax Deferral Applications

Town Manager Mark Ells, acting under newly granted authority by the Legislature and Governor, is announcing the extension of due dates for the following real estate and personal property bills, motor vehicle excise bills, water and sewer utility bills, and exemption and deferral applications:

Fourth Quarter Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills:

- Original Due Date: May 1, 2020
- New Due Date: **June 1, 2020**

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

- Any bills issued with a due date of March 10, 2020, or later are now due on **June 1, 2020**, regardless of the due date printed on the bill

Water* and Sewer Utility Bills:

- Any bills issued with a due date of March 10, 2020, or later are now due on **June 1, 2020**, regardless of the due date printed on the bill

Property Tax Personal Exemption and Tax Deferral Applications:

- Original Due Date: April 1, 2020
- Extended Due Date: **June 1, 2020**

In addition to extending the due date for payments, The Town Manager is also waiving the payment of interest and other penalties in the event of late payment of any real estate, personal property, motor vehicle excise, boat excise, and water or sewer utility bills for an additional month, giving Barnstable taxpayers until June 30, 2020, to make payment without incurring interest or demand late fees.

Please note that this newly granted authority only allows municipal chief executives to extend statutory payment deadlines and waive statutory interest and penalties through the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2020. Under the new state legislation, payments made after June 30, 2020 will be subject to interest and penalties back to June 1, 2020.

During the COVID-19 emergency, the office of the Treasurer/Collector is closed to the public. However, there are several optional payment methods available:

1. Mail checks using the envelop provided or to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601
2. Online thru the Town of Barnstable website under Quicklinks/Pay bills online
3. Leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. Please do not leave any cash in the drop box, checks only.

If you have any questions regarding property, excise and sewer bill payments, please call the Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-4054 or email to taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us

Questions regarding water bills can be directed to the Town's Water Supply Division at 508-775-0063.

Questions regarding Residential, Veterans, Seniors, and Blind Exemption applications can be directed to the Town Assessor's office by calling 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020 or email to assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us

*** Finance Director Provides Further Clarification Regarding Payment of Water Utility Bills and Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills**

Finance Director Mark Milne would like to provide further clarification on the extension due dates for water utility bills. The new due dates and the waiver of interest and penalties only apply to the Hyannis Water System utility bills and do not apply to water utility bills issued by the Barnstable Fire District, Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills (COMM) Fire District and Cotuit Fire District. Any questions regarding water utility bills within the Fire Districts should be directed to their respective Water Department. In addition, the Town of Barnstable will be mailing Motor Vehicle Excise bills dated April 9, 2020. These bills have already been printed. The due dates on the tax bills will

indicate May 8th; however, taxpayers will have until June 30, 2020 to pay the bill without interest and penalties. If you have any questions regarding the motor vehicle excise bill payments, please call the Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-4054 or email to taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us.

Notice of Additional Changes at Transfer Station & Recycling Center

- Effective Monday, April 13, 2020, the Transfer Station and Recycling Center will be temporarily closing the facility on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through May 4, 2020.
- Also effective Monday, April 13, 2020, the Recycling Area at the Town of Barnstable's Transfer Station will be temporarily closed through May 4, 2020. On the busier days, despite our best attempts, this area does not provide for appropriate social distancing. These measures are being done to provide a safe environment for our employees and our residents.
- These measures create redundancy in staffing and assist in continuing the ability to provide essential services throughout this difficult time. Social, or physical, distancing is one of the key elements being used to combat COVID-19.
- Recycling is not considered an essential service during a State of Emergency.
- Recycling Sticker holders will be limited to disposal of scrap metals, disposal of yard waste, and access to free compost.

A Reminder:

- The Transfer Station is an essential operation to residents of the Town of Barnstable.
- Current sticker holders may continue to utilize the facility to dispose of trash.
- The Office and Gate House at the Transfer Station & Recycling Center will be closed to the public and all person-to-person transactions suspended. Staff will be available to answer phone calls at 508-420-2258.
- The acceptance of chargeable recyclable items has been temporarily suspended. These items include but are not limited to mattresses, TVs, white goods, and toilets.
- The Construction & Demolition (C&D) Area will be accepting material with restrictions. All vehicles disposing of C&D material will be required to weigh the material on the scale. The Gate Attendant will direct the vehicle on how to proceed via the intercom system. Payments for C&D material will be accepted **BY CHECK ONLY**. Cash and electronic payments will **NOT** be accepted. Check payments will be placed inside a designated box/container at the intercom system. Receipts and weigh slips will not be issued during this time.
- These measures follow the recommended guidance of social and physical distancing. The Town and Transfer Station employees are working to limit the amount of disruption these changes may cause. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding throughout this serious situation.

Stay safe and healthy,

P. J. Kelliher

P.J. Kelliher | Supervisor | Solid Waste Division | Barnstable DPW

Working with Barnstable Town Hall

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, as a precautionary measure to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and in the interest of the health and well-being of our employees and the residents of the Town of Barnstable, most town buildings are closed to the public. It is our hope that we will re-open to the public on Monday, April 6th. We are making adjustments to our business operations to ensure resources are focused where the need is greatest. Please understand the fluid nature of this situation and that we are reassessing and adapting our response as needed to this developing situation. Public access to 200 Main Street and the Town Hall Offices is now by appointment only. Information on how you can work remotely with Town Offices is available on the Town of Barnstable's website

(www.townofbarnstable.us) and www.BarnstableHealth.com. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding throughout this serious situation.

A listing of Town owned buildings that have closed is listed [here](#).

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Payments Effective immediately, the Treasurer's Office will be accepting payments either through mail or payments may be placed in the drop box located outside Town Hall next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. **No cash is to be mailed or left in the drop box.**

Tax Title Accounts Account information will be available by calling the Treasurer's office at 508-862-4661 or 508-862-4656. Taxpayers will be advised to:

- mail in checks to Town of Barnstable, Treasurer's Office, 230 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601
- leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Payments Effective immediately, the Tax Collector's Office will be accepting payments either through mail or payments may be placed in the drop box located outside Town Hall next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. **No cash is to be mailed or left in the drop box.** Account information will be available by calling the Collector's office at 508-862-4055, 508-862-4053 or 508-862-4060.

Payments for Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes and Sewer bills may be paid by the following methods:

- online thru the Town of Barnstable website under Quicklinks/Pay bills online
- mailing checks using the envelope provided with the bills
- mailing checks to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601
- leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall

The 4th Quarter Real Estate and Personal Property taxes that are due on May 1, 2020 will be available to be paid online via the Town's website effective April 1, 2020 or via the methods detailed above.

Past due and Demand bills cannot be paid online. Payments should be mailed to Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601

Boat Excise tax payments can be made by:

- Mailing checks to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601
- Leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Abatement Applications Abatement forms are available on the town's website at <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/>. Completed forms can be mailed to Town of Barnstable Assessor, 367 Main. St. Hyannis, MA 02601.

Property Information Inquiries regarding property values can be requested by email to assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

Forms All other forms are available at <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/>. Permit applications will continue to be accepted and processed according to local and state requirements. Applications and associated materials should be submitted electronically to the extent legally possible.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

A drop off location for paper applications has been established to the left of the front door at 367 Main Street. If your request does not need immediate attention, please use the drop off location for nomination papers, birth, death, and marriage certificates established in the front vestibule at 367 Main Street. Please submit your request in the lock box and call us on 508-862-4044.

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call 508-862-4044. Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been

exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

200 MAIN STREET

Instructions for Dropping Off Permit Applications

- Include a contact name, and telephone number and/or e-mail address.
- DO NOT submit payment with the application. It will be collected at a later time.
- There will be a minimum 48 hour delay between the time an application is dropped off and when it is officially received.
- A staff member will contact you to confirm receipt of the application and with comments and/or instructions and to arrange payment of fees.

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff

If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call or e-mail the contact listed. Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

[Doing Business with Planning & Development During COVID-19](#)

A Message from the Council on Aging Division

The staff of the Barnstable Council on Aging is sending warm greetings to our friends, participants, and everyone else in the community. We hope that you're staying safe and that you and your loved ones are well and keeping a safe distance. We're doing our best to meet the needs of the older adult community during this difficult time. **Our doors may be closed, but we are always here for you if you need us, and we encourage you to reach out to us at 508-862-4750.** Although working remotely, staff are checking and responding to messages frequently throughout the day. Please let us know if you or someone you know needs help and tell us how we can best assist you during this time. We hope you'll take advantage of the **Grab & Go food distribution program which is providing a free breakfast and lunch for Barnstable residents over age 60. Meals are distributed Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, curbside at the BACC with three days of meals included for the weekend on Fridays.** This program is made possible through the generous collaboration of the Barnstable Public Schools. **Our warm and friendly Reassurance Calls are available for anyone who is feeling alone or isolated.** We understand this is a very challenging and uncertain time and our caring and courteous staff will give you a daily call on weekdays to check that you're okay - or simply to say "hello!" and see how you're doing. Let us know if you or someone you know could benefit from this service by calling us at 508-862-4750. Our **E-news is sent at least once a week, and contains lots of information and resources for the older adult community.** If you'd like to have it sent to you, please email judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us to be added to the distribution list. **Please like and follow us on the Barnstable Adult Community Center Facebook Page, where you'll find updates, helpful links, and even video entertainment and resources from our instructors and others to keep older adults engaged and informed.** We're hearing from you that there is a great deal of interest in making face masks at home. The [Barnstable County 4H has a YouTube video with some instructions about how to make them at home.](#) We look forward to seeing you all in the not too distant future. We will get through this together.

Meals for Any Student in ALL Communities

(No food service today – extra meals for the weekend were provided yesterday)

Barnstable Public Schools is providing FREE breakfast and lunch for any student free of charge. (No ID is required). All children are welcome regardless of town of residence or school attended. All meals will be offered in compliance with USDA standards and will be a “Grab and Go” option. We will be providing both breakfast and lunch at the same time. Students are encouraged to take one breakfast and one lunch. **New Route added effective March 30, 2020.**

NOTE: Fridays we will be handing out 3 breakfast and 3 lunches to each student for the weekend.



“Grab & Go” BREAKFAST and LUNCH
Monday - Friday FREE Meals for ALL Students



PICK-UP LOCATIONS
Monday - Friday 10am - 1pm | 4pm - 6pm

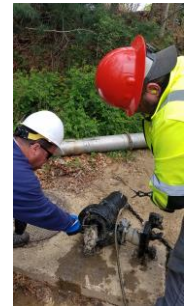
- **Barnstable Intermediate School**, 895 Falmouth Road, Hyannis
- **Barnstable United Elementary School**, 730 Osterville-W. Barnstable Rd, Marston Mills
- **Hyannis West Elementary School**, 549 West Main Street, Hyannis
- **Barnstable Community Innovation School**, 165 Bearses Way, Hyannis

BUS STOP LOCATIONS & TIMES

- **465 Sea Street, Hyannis** (Sea Street Beach) | **10:45 - 11:15 am**
- **200 Main St, Hyannis** (Health Offices) | **11:30 - 12:15 pm**
- **367 Main Street, Hyannis** (Town Hall lot) | **10:45 - 11:30 am**
- **767 Independence Dr, Hyannis** (Village Green Apts. entrance) | **11:50 - 12:30 pm**
- **117 Turtleback Rd, Marstons Mills** (Turtleback Triangle at Fleetwood) | **11:00 - 11:30 am**
- **2095 Main Street, Marstons Mills** (old Marstons Mills Elementary) | **11:50 - 12:30 pm**
- **852 Bearse’s Way, Hyannis** (Hyannis Elk) | **10:45 - 11:30 am**
- **168 Barnstable Road, Hyannis** (Cromwell Court) | **11:45 - 12:30 pm**
- **2377 Meetinghouse Way, W Barnstable** (Lombard Field) | **11:00 - 11:30 am**
- **3195 Rt. 6A, Barnstable** (County Complex, behind Fire dept.) | **11:45 - 12:15 pm**
- **1638-72 Falmouth Rd, Rt. 28, Centerville** (Centerville Plaza) | **10:55 - 11:25 am**
- **140 Old Oyster Rd, Cotuit** (old Cotuit Elementary) | **11:45 - 12:15 pm**

Water Pollution Control Request

The Town of Barnstable's Water Pollution Control Division requests that you please do not flush any disinfecting wipes down the toilet. These wipes clog sewage pumps inside of the Town's sewage pumping stations. This requires staff to manually remove the wipes from the pump in order to put the pump station back into operation. Flushing wipes down the toilet endangers the health and safety of Town employees and increases the risk of a sewage overflow, putting public health at risk. Please discard all used wipes into a trash can. Thank You.



Hyannis Water System Water Flushing Program

Throughout the months of April, May and June (Weather permitting)

Flushing signs will be posted in the areas of work

After flushing let the cold water run for a few minutes.

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL (508)775-0063

See specific area maps and dates on www.townofbarnstable.us.



ROAD WORK UPDATES

As always please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas and follow posted safety and detour signs.

***NEW* MassDOT Route 28 Pavement Repairs, Centerville**

Lawrence-Lynch Corp, as a contractor for MassDOT, will be repairing pavement along two sections of Route 28 starting April 21, 2020. The work will include repairing deteriorated asphalt within Route 28 from the Phinney's Lane to Richardson Road and from 1675 Falmouth Road to Richardson Road. Weather pending, construction will be on-going, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM until completion of the work. Work within Route 28 is anticipated to start on April 21, 2020 and be completed by April 28, 2020. Lane restrictions will be controlled by police details.



***NEW* Roadway and Sidewalk Improvements Parkway Place in Hyannis, MA**

Roadway and sidewalk improvements are scheduled to commence on Parkway Place in Hyannis on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. The improvements include removal of the existing roadway surface, installation of new sub-base material, installation of a new paved road surface, replacement of existing curb and sidewalks and restoration of any areas disturbed during construction. The Town's contractor for this project is Lawrence Lynch Corporation out of Falmouth, MA. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Construction is expected to be completed by April 24, 2020. Through traffic will be maintained throughout construction. Any lane closures will be supported

with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

Drainage and Pavement Improvements on Straightway in Hyannis

Drainage and pavement improvements began on Straightway in Hyannis during the week of March 23, 2020. The improvements include installation of new drainage systems, expansion of existing drainage systems, pavement milling and overlay, and restoration of disturbed areas. The work will focus on the section of Straightway between Candlewick Lane and Craigville Beach Road. The Town's contractor for this project is Lawrence Lynch Corporation out of Falmouth, MA. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Construction is scheduled to continue until April 17, 2020. Through traffic will be maintained throughout construction. Any lane closures will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

Pavement Improvements on Old Kings Road in Cotuit

Pavement improvements began on Old Kings Road in Cotuit during the week of March 30, 2020. The improvements include reclamation of the existing pavement, grading and compacting of the sub-base material, installation of a new paved road surface within the footprint of the existing pavement, and restoration of any areas disturbed during construction. The Town's contractor for this project is Lawrence Lynch Corporation out of Falmouth, MA. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Construction is expected to be completed by April 24, 2020. Through traffic will be maintained throughout construction. Any lane closures will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

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