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## COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES

Directives Implemented March 15, 2020

In consideration of the Montague Selectboard and Montague Board of Health's joint declaration of a State of Emergency on March 15, 2020, the Town is hereby implementing EMERGENCY MEASURES intended to reduce exposure, transmission, and illness associated with the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) by and among the public while visiting and conducting business at Town of Montague facilities, or participating in Town of Montague programs.

These measures are being implemented to protect public health and safety. They come following careful consideration of the impacts that they may have on the accessibility of certain programs and services to residents, businesses, and institutions; as well as on the ability of the Town of Montague to conduct its essential business. Town leaders and staff will work diligently to mitigate the impacts of these EMERGENCY MEASURES, which will be subject to revision as the COVID-19 public health crisis evolves.

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### Town of Montague Public Buildings

The following departments/buildings are closed to public entry until further notice.<sup>1</sup> Programs of these departments that require in-person public engagement are suspended. Administrative services and programs will be maintained to the extent possible. These rules shall apply only to facilities housing Town of Montague operations.

- Montague Town Hall
- The Montague Public Libraries, inclusive of the Carnegie Library in Turners Falls, the Millers Falls Library, and the Montague Center Library
- The Gill-Montague Council on Aging
- Montague Parks and Recreation
- Montague Police Department (allow entry into common area)
- The Montague Department of Public Works
- The Montague Water Pollution Control Facility
- The Turners Falls Airport

All buildings will post staff contact information at each entry. To the extent feasible, drop boxes will be established to facilitate exchange of documents and mail, which will be handled in a safe and sanitary manner in accordance with available public health guidance.

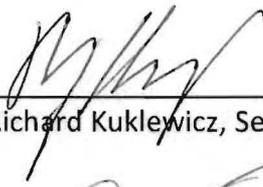
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<sup>1</sup> Construction scheduled to be performed at any of the above may proceed with approval of the Town Administrator and the Health Director.

**Board, Committee, and Commission Meetings**

All non-essential board, committee, and commission meetings (hereafter, Board) will be postponed. The necessity of a meeting will be determined by the chairperson of the Board in question in consultation with the attending Department Head or, as necessary, the Town Administrator. Boards may utilize the flexibility afforded to municipalities by the Governor’s order relative to relaxation of certain Open Meeting Law requirements to protect individual or public health, including remote meeting options. All meetings must be posted, provide some mechanism for public input, and be recorded to ensure accountability and transparency.

The above measures are in effect until further notice. They will be re-evaluated through a joint meeting of the Montague Selectboard and Montague Board of Health to be held on March 30, 2020, though these bodies retain their right to meet to amend them before that time, as necessary.

  
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Richard Kuklewicz, Selectboard Chair

March 15, 2020  
Date

  
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Albert Cummings, Board of Health Chair

March 15, 2020  
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