



Town of New Castle, NH  
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April 10, 2020 – Updated Guidance

Dear Town of New Castle Residents,

Happy Easter and Passover to our residents. May this message find you healthy, safe and with your loved ones.

As we continue our weekly updates on COVID-19 developments in New Castle, the Town's response to Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) is comprehensive and active. Recommendations continue to be updated and the two we hope everyone can adopt for the foreseeable future are to keep your groups to 5 or fewer and if you can maintain a distance beyond 6 feet, then you can reduce the risk of community spread. Our discipline is working. **As of April 9, 2020, New Castle has no confirmed cases of COVID-19.**

**As a reminder, the Town will continue the suspension of in-person, face to face meetings in Town Hall or other Town Buildings until at least Monday, May 4.** Just so you are aware, essential workers and businesses will continue to operate.

In consultation with the Town Moderator, John Poisson, and Secretary of State's office, the Town Meeting and Election originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 has been moved to Tuesday, June 23, 2020. It is our sincere hope the postponement to late June will enable us to hold our Town Meeting and Election safely and without undue risk to public health and safety. We will continue to monitor the data and guidance from the State and trusted public health officials to make the most prudent decision.

This past week, Governor Chris Sununu issued Emergency Order #27 (E.O. #27). The emergency order sets very specific rules that pertain to lodging providers. It includes hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, inns, and short term rentals made on platforms such as VRBO, AirBnB, Homeaway, and others. If you list your home or property on any of these sites, you must follow the order. If you defy the emergency order, the consequences are serious, not just for the health and wellbeing of our residents and community, but also for you or your business. The penalties and fines are steep and enforcement will be vigorous. If you are listed on any of these sites, we do ask you to block your posting for reservations through to Monday, May 4, 2020.

This past week, we decided in consultation with the leadership of the Police and Fire Departments to close the Beach area starting on April 10 through to April 27. The enticement for those who do not live in New Castle has proven too much for them to follow our initial restrictions on parking. People still travelled varying distances to come to our beach and defy the parking restrictions. We will not invite community spread or put our residents and our first responders at needless risk. This brief pause is designed to stem the tide of those who would disregard public health and safety recommendations just to visit our town during this time of vulnerability. We sincerely hope that on April 27, we can see improvement and consider reopening access to the beach area for residents.

As announced previously, Town Hall, the Recreation Building and Macomber Room remain closed to the public until at least Monday, May 4. All Town business will continue to be conducted

through the mail, use of the mail slot on the front door of Town Hall or through the Town website. Should you need something that can't be done using those methods, please call Town Hall and someone will be able to assist you or will respond to your voicemail message.

Town personnel will continue reviewing email, voicemail and monitor the mail during the shutdown period. The Town Clerk has posted additional relevant information. Please monitor the Town Website at [www.NewCastleNH.org](http://www.NewCastleNH.org) and sign up for email updates (Notify Me).

We realize these are trying times. Please be patient with your neighbors and kind to one another. If you have questions or need assistance with something, don't hesitate to contact Town Hall at 603-431-6710, Police Department at 603-436-3113 or the Fire Department at 603-436-1132. Of course, if you have any type of emergency contact 911 immediately.

Be well and stay safe.

New Castle Select Board