



April 24, 2020 – Updated Guidance

Dear Town of New Castle Residents,

May this message find you healthy, safe and with your loved ones. We greatly appreciate the efforts of our residents during this trying time.

We will continue to update residents on COVID-19 developments in town. We do work collaboratively with our surrounding communities so that our actions are coordinated and consistent. Sharing information about successes and challenges has been a benefit to all of us as we set our policies in each town. New Castle has and will continue to adapt to the conditions and data we receive from public health and state officials. **As of April 23, 2020, New Castle has had only one confirmed case of COVID-19.**

As a reminder, the Town has suspended 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 businesses are continuing to operate in Town. So, you will see construction workers in town who are essential and working on projects we had planned before the emergency was declared.

The water infrastructure project has begun resulting in some delays in crossing the causeway and bridges. If residents can drive off and onto the island near the Wentworth on the southern side of New Castle for the foreseeable future, then we hope that you will experience fewer delays and avoid traffic congestion. This will also help the project to proceed more quickly and smoothly.

The beach area is currently closed until Monday, May 4, keeping in step with the State and surrounding communities. Beach communities to our south and north remain closed and the best path for us as a town is to coordinate our efforts with those communities.

A reminder to all residents, the Town Moderator, John Poisson, and Select Board have moved the Town Meeting and plan to move the Election originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 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.

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 cannot 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 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