



May 1, 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 continued 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 30, 2020, New Castle has had only one confirmed case 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 Sunday, May 31.** This is in line with the new Stay At home 2.0 guidance issued by Governor Chris Sununu this afternoon (<https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/stay-at-home/index.htm>). Just so you are aware, essential workers and businesses will continue to operate. 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 and is making great progress. If residents can drive towards the Wentworth southbound side of New Castle for the foreseeable future, then you should experience fewer delays and avoid traffic congestion. By doing so, it will enable the project to proceed smoother and at a faster pace. The sooner this phase is complete, the sooner we can complete the project.

The beach area will remain closed until Sunday, May 31, so that we are in concert with the surrounding communities. Beach communities to our south and north are still 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 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 Sunday, May 31. 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