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In accordance with guidance from Governor Baker and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), and in an effort to balance the ability to continue to provide important services and to protect the health and safety of the residents of Belmont, the Town is taking the following measures at this time. These measures could be extended or shortened as the Town receives additional guidance from the State.

• The Town has opened a dedicated **COVID-19 informational** phone line and email address to help handle the volume of calls and inquiries we have been receiving related to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The informational phone line will be available during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm. These hours could be extended as circumstances change. The email address will be monitored on a regular basis. However, response may not be immediate.

## 617-993-2222

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*Please call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.* Calls should not be made to 9-1-1 to obtain information about COVID-19.

- The Town Hall Complex, the Belmont Public Library and the Beech Street Center will remain open during normal business hours for residents to access critical services. We ask that residents utilize online services, or utilize telephone or email to contact offices to the extent possible. We ask that residents who have to visit these buildings, practice social distancing (6 feet). Please note that as circumstances change the availability of these facilities is subject to change.
- The Town of Belmont is suspending all Town programs until further notice. This will apply to the programs sponsored by the Council on Aging, Belmont Public Library, Recreation Department, Community Education, and Youth Commission.
- The Town of Belmont is canceling all building rentals at the Belmont Public Schools, the Belmont Public Library, Town Hall, the Homer Building and the Beech Street Center. If you have a previously booked rental, you will be contacted regarding your options.



As information is rapidly changing, you should check with the appropriate offices to determine whether an event is canceled before attending.

- Beech Street Center (617) 993-2970
- Belmont Public Library (617) 993-2850
- Recreation Department (617) 993-2760
- Community Education (617) 993-5401
- Youth Commission (617) 993-2729
- Belmont Public School (617) 993-5400

Please continue to take the following actions to limit the spread of COVID-19:

- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze use a tissue or your inner elbow, not your hands.
- Wash your hands with soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based sanitizing gel.
- Practice social distancing when in public spaces try to remain at least 6-feet away from others.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with others.

This situation is constantly evolving, and we are receiving updates throughout the day. We will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available on our website. <a href="www.belmont-ma.gov">www.belmont-ma.gov</a>

