**July 1, 2020**

**Easthampton Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation Awareness Report**

**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL – Thursday 7/2 at 10am**

*Host - Mayor LaChapelle  
Moderator – Jenn Ramsey  
Easthampton Media*

Information on meeting access can be found on the Easthampton Media Facebook page or [HERE](#).

**If you have ideas for a future Town Hall, or would like to be involved, please contact the Mayor’s Office via email at:**

mayor@easthamptonma.gov

Watch live on Charter Channel 193 or streaming on [YouTube](#)

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**Updated Travel Guidelines:** Effective today, July 1, all travelers coming to Massachusetts are instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days. The Baker-Polito administration has announced the following states are excluded from this guidance: Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, or New Jersey.

The official Press Release is available [HERE](#).

For further information on Travel Guidance, please click [HERE](#).

Visitors and residents are reminded that the Mandatory Face Covering Order (when social distancing cannot be maintained) is still in effect. This Order can be reviewed [HERE](#).

**Easthampton Small Business Grant:** Reminder- The application for this grant **opened today at 9:00am**. It will close on July 14, 2020 at 5:01pm.

Announced June 23, 2020, the City of Easthampton and the Easthampton Chamber of Commerce will collaborate on releasing these funds. The Press Release with updated information can be found [HERE](#).

Details on requirements and eligibility can be found on the Easthampton Chamber website [HERE](#).

The application is now live on the website and can be filled out electronically [HERE](#).

A printable PDF version of this application is available [HERE](#).

**Collaborative Workspace Program:** The Baker-Polito announced on June 29, 2020 that a fifth round of funding for this program will be taking place. Established coworking spaces may apply for grants of up to $100,000. These grants can be used to help follow the state’s Sector Specific Workplace Standards.

Additional information can be found on the MassDevelopment website [HERE](#).

Please click [HERE](#) to view the application.
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<td><strong>All Easthampton public buildings remain closed until further notice.</strong></td>
<td><strong>City Building Update:</strong> City buildings will now remain closed to the public through September 1, 2020. This includes City Hall, Council on Aging, and Public Schools. Residents will be able to make in-person appointments with City departments. These will be held outside beginning July 15, 2020. Updated information regarding this extension will be posted to the City website and social media platforms.</td>
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<td><strong>Working remotely, staff are monitoring voice mail and email, prioritizing pandemic related matters. Many staff are working a limited schedule. Thank you for your patience.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Crisis Counseling Program:</strong> A new counseling program, MassSupport, was announced by the Baker-Polito administration on June 23, 2020. This program is funded through FEMA. Anyone in Massachusetts can call MassSupport at 888-215-4920 to access behavioral health resources, trauma response, and more. Please click <a href="#">HERE</a> to find out more about this program.</td>
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<td>The latest news on Massachusetts COVID-19 Cases and Testing can be found here: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting</a></td>
<td><strong>Safe Passage Hotlines:</strong> While Safe Passage has suspended all in-person services since March 19, 2020, there are still hotlines and resources available. Counselors will be available to provide support and advocacy by telephone from the SafePassage hotline. The Safe Passage hotline is currently available Monday through Friday from 11am to 7pm. Call 413-586-5066 or toll-free at 888-345-5282 to talk to a trained advocate. In Massachusetts, SAFELINK’s bilingual advocates are available 24/7 at 877-785-2020 to provide information about shelter availability and referrals to local programs.</td>
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<td><strong>Nursing Home Family Resource Line:</strong> For questions about nursing home or rest home care please call 617-660-5399. The line is available Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.</td>
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