**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL – Thursday 7/16 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](mailto:mayor@easthamptonma.gov)

Watch live on Charter Channel 193 or streaming on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

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**CALL: 211 for MA coronavirus information, resources & SafeLink**

**TEXT: COVIDMA to 888-777 to get coronavirus updates in English; COVIDMAESP for updates in Spanish**

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

If you would like a copy of the Situation Awareness Report emailed to you directly, please contact the Mayor’s Office at [mayor@easthamptonma.gov](mailto:mayor@easthamptonma.gov).

**Small Business Grant:** Tomorrow, July 14th, is the last day to apply for the Small Business Grant. Applications must be submitted before 5:00pm. These grants are available to small businesses that have been affected due to COVID-19 and are located in Easthampton, Southampton, and Westhampton.

For additional information, please visit the Greater Chamber website: [https://www.easthamptonchamber.org/easthampton/](https://www.easthamptonchamber.org/easthampton/).

**Emergency Rental Assistance Grant Program:** The Easthampton Affordable and Fair Housing Partnership is working to contract with a local non-profit agency to distribute a short-term rent relief grant. This grant would help Easthampton residents who are experience housing insecurity due to COVID-19. Proposals are due **July 22, 2020 at 12:00 noon**.

For more information, please click [HERE](#).

**Online Building Inspection Services:** The City of Easthampton is now accepting Building, Electrical and Plumbing and Gas fitter Permits online. To begin the process, please click [HERE](#).

**Vote by Mail:** Please click [HERE](#) to see more information on obtaining a vote by mail ballot. If you are emailing your request, please send it to [vote@easthamptonma.gov](mailto:vote@easthamptonma.gov).

Early voting will be held in Easthampton on the following dates (information on days/times will be updated):

- State Primary - Saturday, Aug. 22nd to Friday, Aug. 28th
- State Election - Saturday, Oct. 17th to Friday, Oct. 30th

Election Day voting will be held, as usual.
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<th>All Easthampton public buildings remain closed until further notice. 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.</th>
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**COVID-19 Funds for Education:** The Baker-Polito administration announced a $16.1 million in relief for special education providers. Special education residential schools have remained open throughout the pandemic to support students with unique challenges. This relief fund is in addition to the $3 million dollars dedicated to support the residential education school system in April.

For further information, please see the official Press Release:


**Gathering Size Order:** The Easthampton Board of Health has rescinded its previous order that limited gathering sizes to 10 or less people, to coordinate with the updated Governor’s Order.

The updated Governor’s Order on gathering sizes can be found [HERE](https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-covid-19-funding-for-special-education-programs).

**Additional Resources:**

**MEMA Testing Map:** To find testing sites in your area, please use the MEMA interactive map. The map includes details on contact information and if you need an appointment. Please click [HERE](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting) to view.

**MEMA Resource Map:** This interactive map details helpful resources in your area. Resources include food pantries, houses of worship, elder services, and more. To view the map, please click [HERE](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting).

**Red Cross Assistance Center:** The American Red Cross has a virtual program available for emotional support and counseling. It includes various support services to help individuals cope during the ongoing pandemic. Please click [HERE](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting) to view.

**MassSupport Counseling:** MassSupport is offering free, confidential counseling to all Massachusetts residents. Please click [HERE](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting) to learn more about the services being offered.

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The latest news on Massachusetts COVID-19 Cases and Testing can be found here: