

July 29, 2020

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

**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL –
Thursday 7/30 at 10am**

Host - Mayor LaChapelle
Moderator – Ryan Arnold
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](#)

CALL: 211 for MA coronavirus information, resources & SafeLink

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

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.

Center for Women & Enterprise (CWE) – Small Business Resources:

The CWE website provides a helpful breakdown of resources available to small businesses all over New England. It includes reopening plans, federal/state funding, and more.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.cweonline.org/Entrepreneurs/Resources-Available-to-Small-Business-During-COVID-19-Crisis>.

Travel Guidance: The updated Travel Order will go into effect this week on Saturday, August 1, 2020. All travelers entering Massachusetts must comply with the new travel order. This will pertain to out of state residents and in state residents returning home, as well as students returning to campus in the fall.

Prior to travel, all travelers should fill out the “Massachusetts Travel Form”. This form can be filled out online at the below link or by texting “MA Traveler” to 888-777.

The full Executive Order can be read [HERE](#).

Any new information will be available here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>.

Easthampton Public Schools Reopening: All current information pertaining to the fall reopening plans for Easthampton Public Schools is available online at: <https://epsd.us/index.php/school-reopening-2020-2021/>. This includes initial guidance from the state and recordings of meetings with local parents and educators.

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<p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>The latest news on Massachusetts COVID-19 Cases and Testing can be found here: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting</p>	<p>Microenterprise Business Assistance: The City of Easthampton and several neighboring communities has been awarded \$900,000 to support economic and community development efforts in response to the COVID19 pandemic. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be made available to eligible microenterprise businesses.</p> <p>The full Press Release can be found HERE.</p> <p>Interested businesses should fill out the Interest List Form available on the Planning Department webpage: https://easthamptonma.gov/planning.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massachusetts Testing Information: Includes information on symptoms, contact tracing, and quarantining. https://www.mass.gov/info-details/about-covid-19-testing • Small Business Strong: Small Business Strong is a partnership formed to assist women and minority owned small businesses. For more information, please visit their website: https://www.smallbstrong.com/ • The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has compiled additional resources for small businesses: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-resources-and-guidance-for-businesses#state-tax-relief-measures- • 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. For more information, please visit: https://safepass.org/covid-19-updates/. • MassSupport: Free and confidential counseling services during COVID pandemic PHONE: 1-888-215-4920 (Phones answered Mon.-Fri. from 9:00am to 6:00pm)