

June 29, 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](#)

CALL: 211 for MA coronavirus information, resources & SafeLink

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

Veteran's Memorial Cemeteries Resume Services: Announced June 29, 2020, the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries (MVMC) in Agawam and Winchendon will resume Military Committal Services for veterans who have died. Services may resume on July 3, 2020 and include the Folding of the Flag, Taps, and a Firing Volley.

New protocols for these ceremonies can be found [HERE](#).

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

Collaborative Workspace Program: The Baker-Polito announced today, June 29th, 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.

The Reminder: A new weekly newspaper will be delivered to homes in Easthampton, Southampton, and Westhampton beginning this week. The Reminder will contain local information such as legal notices, job postings, tag sales, and more. If you have news to share you should reach out to Chris Maza at ChrisM@TheReminder.com.

Crisis Counseling Program: 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 [HERE](#) to find out more about this program.

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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>Paycheck Protection Program (PPP): Reminder that the Small Business Administration’s PPP Loan stops taking applications tomorrow, June 30th. The goal of this loan is to help keep employees on payroll during the pandemic. For more information please click HERE.</p> <p>A lender can be found online HERE.</p> <p>Updated June 16, 2020 there is also a loan forgiveness application. To view the online application, please click HERE.</p> <p>Easthampton Small Business Grant: The City of Easthampton also has funding available for small businesses struggling during the pandemic. 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.</p> <p>Details on requirements and eligibility can be found on the Easthampton Chamber website HERE.</p> <p>Please Note: The application process will open this week on Wednesday July 1, 2020 at 9:00am and close on Tuesday July 14, 2020 at 5:01pm.</p> <p>Easthampton Summer Meals Program: Easthampton Public Schools have announced that the meal program will continue throughout the summer. These meals are free to families with children ages birth to 18. Meals will be disbursed on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule from 9am-11am. Pick-up locations will be at Easthampton High School, Maple School, and the Pleasant Green Park at 122 Pleasant Street. This program will run from July 6th to August 21st.</p>