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### **CITY OF NORTHAMPTON OFFICES TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL MAY 4**

In accordance with Gov. Charlie Baker's latest orders, which extended the non-essential business emergency order and guidance for Executive Branch employees until May 4, City of Northampton municipal offices and buildings will remain closed to the public and non-emergency personnel until May 4.

Modified and remote staffing schedules for non-emergency city departments will remain in place through this date. Departments exempted from this policy include Police, Fire Rescue, Health, Dispatch, and Public Works as well as any other departments with employees essential to the city's COVID-19 response.

"We need to keep doing what we're doing. Every measure we've taken is designed to limit the spread of this disease," said Mayor David Narkewicz, "For these things to work, we've got to stay at home, keep social distancing, and continue safe practices that we know will save lives."

Other important closure information:

- The Northampton Health Department has issued a series of closure orders related to restaurants and other businesses which can be found at: <http://northamptonma.gov/2120/Local-Restaurant-Business-Operations-Clo>
- The City of Northampton has issued strict construction guidelines for contractors and employees operating under the Governor's essential services order which can be found at: <https://www.northamptonma.gov/702/Building>
- Meetings of non-governmental and non-regulatory Northampton boards and commissions remain suspended through May 4
- Northampton's two school districts (NPS & SVAHS) remain closed through May 4.
- The existing suspension of parking fees at meters and kiosks in Northampton will continue until May 4

Community members should continue to visit the city's website, [www.northamptonma.gov](http://www.northamptonma.gov), to manage their municipal business needs. Secure drop boxes have been installed at the rear entrance of City Hall

at 210 Main Street and in front of the Puchalski Municipal Building behind City Hall (212 Main Street) that can be used for any correspondence, applications, or payments that cannot be mailed or completed online.

To stay connected to city updates on COVID-19, visit our information page at [www.northamptonma.gov/COVID19](http://www.northamptonma.gov/COVID19). The public is also encouraged to use the subscription service to receive a notification when a new update from the city is available and sign up for CodeRED.

Cooley Dickinson Hospital has established a new COVID-19 Call Center for people experiencing symptoms or seeking information at 1-888-554-4234 open Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM and Saturday & Sunday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Residents across the state can now sign up to receive updates, news and prevention information related to COVID-19 by texting COVIDMA to 888-777.

For more information, please contact the Mayor's Office.