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## Emergency Management and Response Informational Bulletin

The emergency management team would like the community to know that the Town of Alton is constantly monitoring and reevaluating the rapidly evolving situation concerning COVID 19. In doing so, the emergency management team has convened and discussed the concerns with the governing board. In the interest of public safety, the Town has decided to close all public buildings to pedestrian traffic and suspend all nonessential programs, board meetings, and town gatherings. The town employees will be working and providing services, however in an attempt to reduce face-to-face contact each department will be fielding services via remote options. Residents who have business to conduct are encouraged to do so online or contact the respective department by phone for further instructions. For a complete list of online services and contact numbers please visit www.alton.nh.gov

These operational changes will be <u>effective March 17, 2020 and reevaluated on April 3, 2020.</u> We understand that this will be an inconvenience for many people, but we ask that you please understand that steps need to be taken to ensure the safety of both town employees and community members. The Town offices will make every attempt to handle essential business, but we please ask that you wait on matters that are not time sensitive.

The Police and Fire Departments will continue to serve the community as usual however; we ask that you please keep all non-emergency calls to a minimum so that they may devote their time to those residents in need of emergency services. If you have non-emergency COVID-19 related questions, please call 2-1-1 (a state hotline staffed 24/7 specifically for such questions) or visit the following links:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html or https://www.nh.gov/covid19/

Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

Chief Ryan L. Heath

**Emergency Management Director**