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Georgetown Fire Department

During this critical time, the Georgetown Fire Department will continue responding to Fire and Medical Emergencies that arise within the community. Until further notice the following services will be limited to minimize our personnel's exposure in non-emergency situations:

- Suspending commercial inspections.
- Suspending resale 26F inspections.
- Suspending car seat installations
- Suspending lock box installations.
- Limiting public access to the Fire Department building
- Encourage public to use web site/email to contact particular division (i.e. Fire Prevention).
- Burning permits must be completed on-line.
- While our community is extremely generous with food and gift donations, we cannot accept any food or other gifts at this time.

Also, during this critical time, the Fire Department will be taking measures to protect its members and patients during emergency responses:

- Universal precaution for both the first responder and patient.
- Limited first responder contact.
- Use of mask, goggles, and gowns for both first responder and patient.

When calling 911 in an emergency, notify the dispatcher if there are any signs of Flu like symptoms. Call 978-352-5757 for non-emergency business or questions.

We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as necessary to lessen the temporary restriction imposed.

COVID-19

First contact your primary care physician office should you suspect you have been infected.

If you:

- Have fever, cough, shortness of breath
- Have traveled recently
- Have been in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or is in quarantine

FIRST call your physician.

Holy Family Hospital sets up mobile screening center as part of emergency preparedness

As part of our emergency preparations for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Holy Family Hospital Haverhill is setting up tents to accommodate future outpatient laboratory screening.

1. We are setting up these tents to increase our capacity to collect samples next week, *if needed*.
2. Patients who may be tested here will be those who have a **LABORATORY ORDER FROM THEIR PHYSICIAN**.

Massachusetts Department of Health Web Site:

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-public-health>

CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

PREVENTION MEASURES:


- Maintain Social Distance of Six (6) feet.
- Wash their hands properly with soap. Clean the back of the hand, between the fingers, and under the nails for at least **TWENTY (20) SECONDS**.
- Properly cover your mouth when coughing and/or sneezing.
- Disinfect surfaces around your home and work.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing; throw used tissues in the trash. If a tissue isn't available, cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve, not your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, computers, phones, keyboards, sinks, toilets and countertops.

- If surfaces are dirty, clean them - use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Full information on how to disinfect found [here](#).
- Wear a facemask if you are sick. You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office.

WHO IS AT A HIGHER RISK?

COVID-19 is a new disease, which means scientists and public health experts are still learning how it spreads, the severity of illness it causes and to what extent it may spread in the U.S. Early information shows that some people are at higher risk of getting very sick from this virus. This includes older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes and lung disease. If you are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 because of your age or a serious medical condition, it is extra important for you to take actions to avoid getting sick.

- Take everyday precautions to keep space between yourself and others.
- When you go out in public, keep away from others who are sick, limit close contact and wash your hands often.
- Avoid crowds as much as possible.
- Stock up on supplies.
- Contact your healthcare provider to ask about obtaining extra necessary medications to have on hand in case there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in your community and you need to stay home for a prolonged period of time.
 - If you cannot get extra medications, consider using a mail-order option.
 - Be sure you have over-the-counter medicines and medical supplies (tissues, etc.) to treat fever and other symptoms. Most people will be able to recover from COVID-19 at home.
 - Have enough household items and groceries on hand so that you will be prepared to stay at home for a period of time.


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