



# TOWN OF WINCHESTER

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Hello Winchester & Ashuelot residents,

This pandemic now has gone on now for over a month, and unfortunately, we have many months to go before we are back to something normal. Across our country the confirmed cases continue to grow. This means there are thousands of other people who are carriers of the virus and don't know it or show symptoms. This is why ALL of us must wear masks in public, keep 6ft away from others, stay at home, do not gather in crowds and to wash our hands often. This is to protect yourself and other people.

Sadly, there are many who have lost their jobs. It is very important to pay something to your landlord, the bank & other bills. Please reach out to Southwest Community Services for help with electric and fuel bills. The Catholic Church on Richmond Road has a food pantry open on Tuesday's from 6:30-7:30.

Please remember to limit your exposure to the constant news relating to COVID-19 and to get reliable information from your local TV stations or the CDC website. For questions call the NH hotline at 211. Our social distancing is helping to slow the spread of this terrible virus which is good news BUT it is not eliminating it. Get outside and exercise. That is the best thing you can do for yourself to stay healthy.

As a reminder the town employees are all still working to serve your needs. The town hall and PD buildings are closed to the public. Please call the town hall number at 239-4951 and listen for the extension you need. You will be connected to the employee you need, and your questions and business needs will be addressed. IF we don't answer the phone at first it means we are on the phone helping someone else so please leave a message. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector are still doing registrations, marriage licenses and taking payments. Call before you arrive, and you will get curbside service. Registrations also can be done through the mail. License renewals have been extended. Check the NHDMV website for details. Most information you may need can be found on our website Winchester-nh.gov. The Selectmen are meeting on Wednesday's at 5pm without public comment. Remote learning will now continue to the end of the school year.

The Attorney General has notified all towns that there are many scams out there targeting the elderly. Please be aware that: 1) The Social Security Administration will not call and ask for personal information over the phone. 2) There is not any medicine, lotion or any vaccine for COVID-19. Anyone saying they have the miracle cure just wants your money. 3) Scammers are also calling older adults stating their family members are very sick with the virus and you must send money to help them. Do not send money or gift cards. 4) There are persons calling saying in order to get your stimulus payment you must give them your personal information. Do not give any information. 5) Fake Charities; these persons usually ask for gift cards as donations. Do not respond. Please report anything suspicious to the Police. **DO NOT GIVE OUT YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER, YOUR BANKING INFORMATION, BIRTHDATE, MEDICARE NUMBER, OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.** Please share this information.

In the months to come society will begin the "new normal". During this time period some of our restrictions will be relaxed. We will become adjusted to social distancing and wearing masks in public, but we should be able to go to the racetracks, an outdoor eatery, and retail stores. Businesses will open slowly and will have limits on capacities and distance requirements. During this time, we will see the virus continue to spread but at a slower rate until a vaccine is discovered. More than ever we need to continue to be patient, thoughtful and kind to ourselves and our neighbors. We will get through this!

Remember to say thank you to all health care workers and first responders for all they do.