## TOWN OF WINCHESTER

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Hello Winchester & Ashuelot residents,

The Covid-19 virus continues to spread throughout the world and NH. The number of reported cases in Cheshire County as of yesterday is 33. That number reflects only persons who have been tested; the real number is much higher. Based on the continued rise in the number of cases, it does not appear the state will reopen on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Phased reopening will occur when the numbers of cases decrease for at least a period of 14 days. The Governor is working with business leaders to determine the phases of reopening. 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. Businesses will open slowly and will have limits on capacities and distancing requirements.

Many people have lost their jobs. Times are difficult but it is very important to keep up on your bills as much as possible. Please pay something to your landlord, utilities and your creditors. They have bills and families to take care of too. Reach out to Southwest Community Services in Keene for help with electric and fuel bills. The Catholic Church on Richmond Road has a food pantry that is open on Tuesday's from 6:30-7:30. They are there to help.

With the nice weather being here get outside. Hiking, gardening, bicycling, fishing and many other forms of fun activities are not only good for your body but for your soul. It is a great way to spend time with your family while still adhering to social distancing. Whenever you are in public please wear a mask. We must protect each other and continue to work on slowing this virus.

Town employees are all still working to serve your needs. IF we don't answer the phone at first it means we are on the phone helping someone else so please leave a message. We are offering blue trash bags to all who want to clean up the litter on town roads. Please give us a call and we will put them out for you. Thanks for you help keeping Winchester clean!

There are many scams out there targeting the elderly. DO NOT GIVE OUT YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER, YOUR BANKING INFORMATION, BIRTHDATE, MEDICARE NUMBER, OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. Please make sure your elderly neighbors are aware of this.

Remember to be kind, thankful and supportive to all around us, we will get through this!