

COVID-19 Information & Resources

On March 11 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. On this page you will find the City of Greenfield's response, closings, and other special measures, in addition to resources from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and State Health Departments.

The City of Greenfield's Response

The City of Greenfield continues to monitor developments as they occur. Greenfield is following the Governor's Office and CDC recommendations at all times.

- For a special message from Mayor Roxann Wedegartner, click [here](#).
- Closure Updates: City Hall, 20 Sanderson Street, 189 Wells Street, Greenfield Senior Center, Greenfield Library, and the Economic Development Offices are closed to the public March 18- April 8.
- On March 13, Mayor Roxann Wedegartner declared a State of Emergency.
- By order of Governor Charlie Baker, all schools are closed through April 6th [PRESS RELEASE](#)
- Greenfield Public Schools COVID-19 School Closure Meal Service [Download Menu & Schedule](#)

At this time the City is canceling the following events:

- Recreation has cancelled upcoming events for the foreseeable future.
- The DPW Wastewater Tours are cancelled until further notice.

Updates, Emergency Orders, and Guidance:

- On March 10, Governor Charlie Baker **declared a state of emergency**, giving the Administration more flexibility to respond to the Coronavirus outbreak. The Administration continues to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19:
- **CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE LICENSING:** On March 17, Governor Baker announced further actions to support residents, health care providers, and small businesses during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Administration announced several emergency orders expediting the onboarding process of more licensed health care professionals. [PRESS RELEASE](#)
- **ECONOMIC SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES:** On March 17, Governor Baker announced economic support for small businesses with a \$10 million loan fund to provide financial relief to those that have been affected by COVID-19. [PRESS RELEASE](#)
- **GATHERINGS & RESTAURANTS:** On March 15, Governor Baker issued an emergency order limiting gatherings to 25 individuals and prohibiting on-premises consumption of food or drink at bars and restaurants, beginning on March 17 and effective until April 6. [PRESS RELEASE](#)
- **ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL OPERATIONS SUSPENDED:** On March 15, Governor Baker ordered a 3-week suspension of school operations for educational purposes at all public and private elementary and secondary (K-12) schools in the Commonwealth (not including residential and day schools for special needs students), beginning Tuesday, March 17 and continuing until Monday, April 6. [PRESS RELEASE](#)

- **HOSPITAL VISITOR RESTRICTIONS:** On March 15, the Department of Public Health issued hospital visitor restrictions. [PRESS RELEASE](#)
- **ASSISTED LIVING VISITOR RESTRICTIONS.** On March 15, the Department of Public Health issued visitor restrictions for assisted living facilities. [PRESS RELEASE](#)
- **PHARMACY HAND SANITIZER ORDER:** On March 15, the Department of Public Health issued an order permitting licensed pharmacies to create and sell hand sanitizer over the counter. [ORDER | GUIDANCE](#)
- **ELECTIVE PROCEDURES:** On March 15, the Department of Public Health issued an order mandating that hospitals must cancel non-essential elective procedures. [ORDER | GUIDANCE](#)
- **RMV RENEWAL TIMELINE:** The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) will extend the renewal timeline of certain credentials to reduce the need for customers to physically visit an RMV service center for in-person transactions. [PRESS RELEASE | ORDER](#)
- **TELEHEALTH:** The Department of Public Health has issued guidance that requires all commercial insurers, self-insured plans, and the Group Insurance Commission are required to cover medically necessary telehealth services related to COVID-19 testing and treatment. Insurers must do this without requiring cost-sharing of any kind – such as co-pays and coinsurance – for testing and treatment. [PRESS RELEASE | ORDER](#)
- **OPEN MEETING LAW MODIFICATIONS:** On March 12, Governor Baker issued an emergency order making modifications to the state’s Open Meeting Law to allow state, quasi and local governments to continue to carry out essential functions during the COVID-19 outbreak. [PRESS RELEASE | ORDER](#)
- **NURSING HOME VISITORS RESTRICTED:** On March 12, the Department of Public Health issued an emergency order restricting visitor access to nursing homes and rest homes to protect higher-risk populations from COVID-19. [PRESS RELEASE | ORDER | GUIDANCE](#)
- **NURSING LICENSURE CHANGES:** On March 11, the Board of Registration in Nursing updated its policies to expedite the processing of reciprocal license applications for nurses that are licensed in another jurisdiction to allow those applications to be processed in one business day. [POLICY](#)

City of Greenfield Online Resources

The City of Greenfield offers a number of online resources for residents:

[Greenfield Alert](#) is a free service to get notifications from state and local authorities like weather, traffic and other emergencies. Sign up [here](#) or download the Smart911 app on your phone. [Greenfield Alert](#) enables residents and travelers to receive timely and actionable emergency alerts via email, text or voice message on their cell phones. They can also identify when and how they are alerted and communicated with before, during, and after emergencies. Residents may also sign up to receive emergency notifications by texting [Greenfield](#) to [67283](#) on any cell phone. Sign up now, [Greenfield Alert](#).

Social Media platforms are updated frequently with the latest news and announcements from the City. Follow us on:

- Facebook:
 - [Mayor of Greenfield](#)
 - [Greenfield Police Department](#)
 - [Greenfield Fire Department](#)
 - [Greenfield Recreation Department](#)
 - [Greenfield DPW](#)
 - [Greenfield Public Library](#)

- Twitter:
 - [Greenfield Recreation Department](#)
 - [Greenfield Public Schools Superintendent](#)

Community Information and Resources

According to Greenfield Board of Health:

- Most of Greenfield's restaurants are still open. Please call ahead for placing order for take-out.
- All bars are closed for onsite consumption.
- All grocery stores and pharmacies are open.

The following restaurants are closed as of 3/17/2020:

- Hattapon's Thai
- Hawks & Reed
- Hope & Olive
- Kobe
- Tito's Taqueria
- Magpie
- Denny's

COVID-19 Resources

For information on the Coronavirus and best practices to stop the spread of COVID-19 and limit the spread of germs, please see the following sites.

CDC

[COVID-19 FAQ](#)

[How it spreads](#)

[Situation summary](#)

[Prevention and treatment](#)

[Hand washing technique](#)

Mass.gov

[About COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 FAQ](#)

Other Resources

[Hand Washing Poster](#)

[Hand Washing Video](#)

Social Distancing Basics:

If you go out:

Avoid crowds

Stay 6 feet away from others

Don't shake hands or hug

Call/Facetime/online chat with friends and loved ones.

Stay Informed

Key Public Health Messages for All Residents:

- Protect yourself by following public health advice about keeping your hands clean, and covering coughs and sneezes.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Protect others who are most at risk of COVID-19 by keeping your distance from people (at least 6 feet away from others), especially those who are older, and people living with chronic health conditions.
- If you are outside, avoid crowds.
- Don't shake hands or hug.
- Stay connected to friends and loved ones by phone or through other technology.
- Get information from trusted sources. Visit <https://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus> for the latest news, case counts, and lab testing results.

Community Hotline



Massachusetts 2-1-1 Online

Massachusetts 2-1-1 - Massachusetts residents are urged to use 2-1-1 for information, resources, and referrals regarding COVID-19. Operators are staffing the hotline 24/7 and translators are available in multiple languages. Residents with questions can dial 2-1-1 from any landline or cellphone, or use the live chat option on the [Mass 2-1-1](#) website.

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Need to create Community Hotline for Greenfield per Bob